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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE K. R. A.

Record of a year of useful achievement is contained in the annual report of the Kowloon Residents' Association, copies of which have now been circulated to all members.

Emphasis is laid upon the activities of the Association in connection with the Retrenchment and Currency Commissions, and the influence exerted in many directions to maintain the welfare of the community.

The report reads:—

Distinguishing Features.

The year for which the committee here submit their report has been distinguished by some features of peculiar interest. In the first place, Kowloon's welcome to the new Governor on May 12 was a new and very happy suggestion which emanated from your committee and was carried through with their help. Likewise, the band concerts arranged throughout the summer, at the request of the Government, were a centre of great attraction and an achievement worthy of special note. Furthermore, the actual commencement of work on the Ferry Approach on lines advocated by this Association, the opening of the new Children's Playground in Middle Road, and the hushing of the salutes on Signal Hill, mark definite points of attainment. The Kowloon Residents' Association is the only Association of its kind which undertook to voice public opinion on the question of increased taxation, and your committee supplemented their protest by supplying material for the consideration of the Retrenchment Commission, the appointment of which they had joined in urging.

The following will reveal to the careful reader that the influence of the Association is exerted in many directions and vigilant watch is maintained over the welfare of the community.

Salaries Commission.

In common with the whole non-official population of the Colony, your committee gave careful consideration to the question of the increased taxation foreshadowed during the year if the recommendations of the Salaries Commission were adopted. After careful study of the facts, together with the figures available, the Association's submissions were forwarded to Government on June 2; as will be seen from the correspondence, these submissions were ultimately forwarded to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

On the appointment of a Retrenchment Commission, following the adoption of the Salaries Commission's recommendations, a special committee was appointed, whose recommendations, after careful investigations of the various avenues for retrenchment, were forwarded to the Commission.

Currency Commission.

The serious effect on the Colony in general, and in particular on the residential population, of the fall in exchange value of the dollar was fully appreciated by your committee, who considered it incumbent on them as a Residents' Association to explore all possible angles of the question. An invitation was accordingly sent to the committees of other similar Associations in the Colony to attend a mass committee meeting for this purpose; no other Association availed themselves of the invitation, however, and a resolution passed at this meeting was accordingly forwarded to Government by this Association alone.

Band Concerts.

At the request of the Government, the Association organised a series of Band Concerts during the summer months; the concerts were popular and well attended, but resulted in a financial loss in spite of Government subsidy. The thanks of the Association are tendered to all those who assisted in the organisation of these con-

certs, particularly the China Light and Power Co., the Kowloon Football Club, the Kai Tak Motor Bus Co.; and the China Motor Bus Co.; it is regretted that no subsidy for a similar series of concerts will be available this year.

Police and Traffic.

During the year, several minor traffic points have been taken up with the authorities, and the recommendations of this Association have always received courteous consideration. A suggestion with regard to Bus Route No. 5 was carefully considered by the Hongkong Tramways Ltd. who instituted an alteration in the route on the lines suggested.

The increased bus fares on certain routes also formed the subject of correspondence with the authorities, who courteously agreed to allow this Association an opportunity to express their views should any further increase be contemplated.

Residential Areas.

Nuisances in residential areas have again been brought to the notice of Government, and the Sanitary Department have taken action where possible.

In their report for 1929, your Committee stated that recommendations for the extension of the areas wherein hawkers' cries and other noises to the disturbance of public tranquillity are prohibited, had been sent to Government, and we are now pleased to report that regulations to this effect were published in the Government Gazette of July 18th, 1930.

Children's Playgrounds.

The opening of the new Children's Playground in Middle Road marks the culmination of the Association's efforts of many years; the control of these playgrounds continues to be closely watched by our Committee, and recommendations on the subject have been forwarded to Government.

"Star" Ferry Approach.

Reorganisation of traffic at this busy centre is now well in hand, and as far as can be seen the scheme adopted follows very closely the plan submitted by this Association in January 1930.

In April, the Association approached the Government with a view to mitigating the annoyance caused to nearby residents by the firing from Signal Hill, and, as a result of the changes put in force by the authorities, this is now practically negligible.

Miscellaneous.

Matters of general interest to residents, such as postal facilities, water supply, additional typhoon signals, etc. have been dealt with during the year, and correspondence thereon will be found under Appendix I.

The thanks of the Association are expressed to the various Government departments for their courtesy and co-operation during the year. We wish also to thank the St. Andrew's Church Council for free use of the Church Hall for meetings, and the Press of the Colony for their continued sympathetic support.

Treasurer's Report.

I have pleasure in submitting my report of the Accounts of the Association for the year 1930.

Receipts.

Subscriptions.—The amount collected from Members was \$676 of which \$666 represent 1930 account.

During the year 18 new members joined the Association, and the maximum number enrolled was 390 but on 31st December, there were on the register only 343, the difference being accounted for as follows:—3 died, 15 resigned, 14 left the Colony and 15 were struck off the list in compliance with By-law No. 14A.

Payments.

The total amount of expenditure was \$666.99; of this sum \$200 was for a donation to the New Territories Agricultural Show.

Balance.

The Balance on hand on 31st December, 1930, was \$1,573.37 as against the previous year's balance of \$1,408.11.

The amount remaining on Fixed Deposit with the Hongkong and

FUNERAL OF THE LATE MRS. A. SOONDERAM.

VERY BIG GATHERING PAY LAST RESPECTS.

Practically the entire Hindu community was present at the funeral of Mrs. A. Soonderam, which took place yesterday at the Hindu Cemetery, Happy Valley. The chief mourners were her husband, Mr. S. Soonderam, her son, Veerasamy Soonderam, her daughter, her grandson, Mr. Ernest Sahmet and her brother-in-law, Mr. R. Soonderam, an old employee of the Hongkong Hotel.

An abundance of floral tributes was sent, and those who followed the cortege to the graveside to pay their last respects included, Mr. T. A. Mahtani, J.P., representing Thakurdas, Jorandras and Co., as well as representatives of practically all the Indian firms and stores in the Colony. Others present included Dr. D. R. Samy, Dr. H. el Arcull, Dr. P. D. R. Naidu, Messrs. A. P. Samy, C. L. Clarke, U. M. Omar, O. M. Madar, A. R. Abbas, I. P. Ismail, R. M. Omar, Mr. Bhagvandas, Messrs. S. A. Sopher, Sirdar Khan, Nawab Khan, A. S. P. A. A. Samy, S. Juman, H. M. H. Hajee Esmail, S. Ismail, I. M. Alaraki, D. Hassan, A. Rahman, Henry Choa, Leung Yue, Kwok Po Kan, Kwok Ah Ki, L. C. Poon, Ling Fat Chul, and many others including ladies.

Among the numerous floral tributes sent, besides family wreaths, were wreaths from:

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Shanghai Bank is the same as last year, viz. \$1,250.

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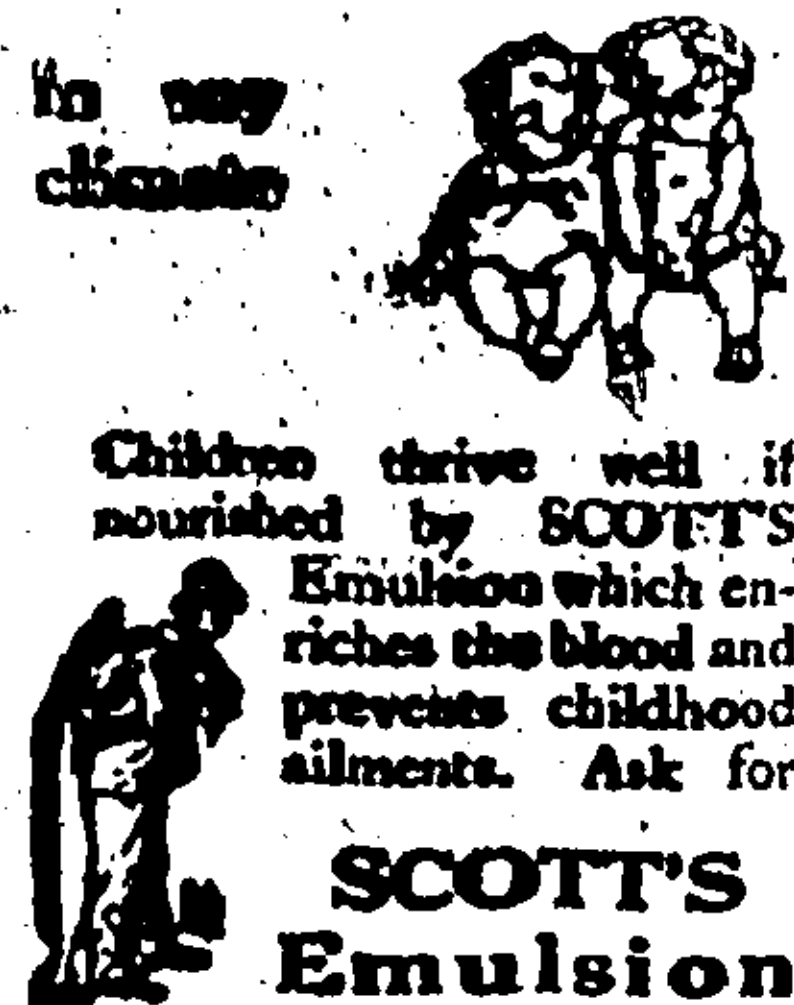
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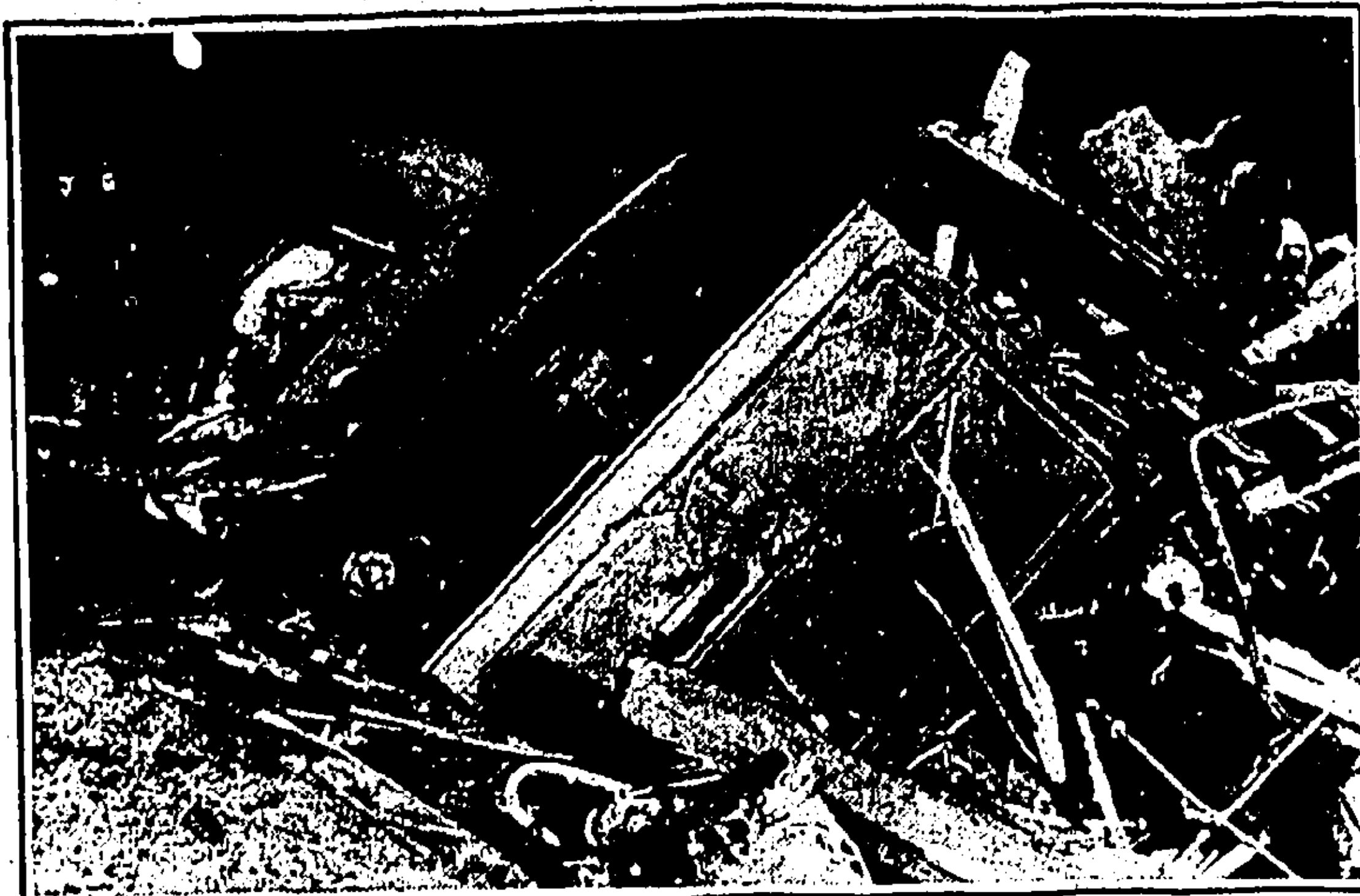


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Photo taken at Los Angeles where police were forced to use teargas bombs and batons to prevent a more serious unemployed riot than occurred. This picture shows a bit of the fighting, arrow pointing to a felled rioter.



This remarkable picture taken at night shows the crack Edinburgh-London express, which ran through a switch in a fog and plunged over an embankment at Carlisle. Twenty were killed and 150 injured. The photo shows the wrecked locomotive.



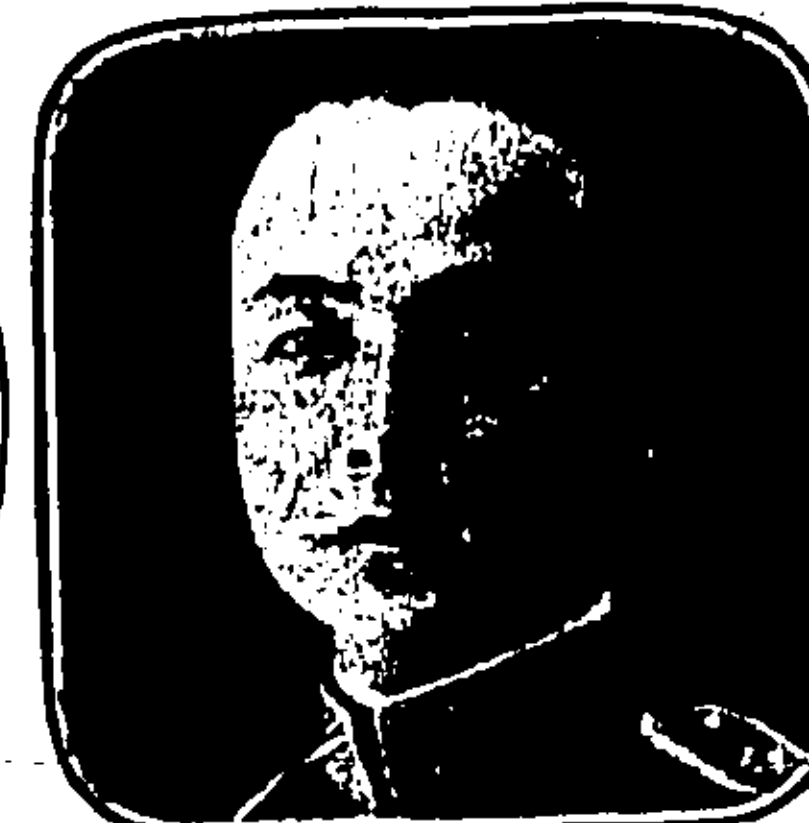
The wedding was solemnized recently of Prince Poulitine and Miss Shirley Manning. They are seen leaving the church.



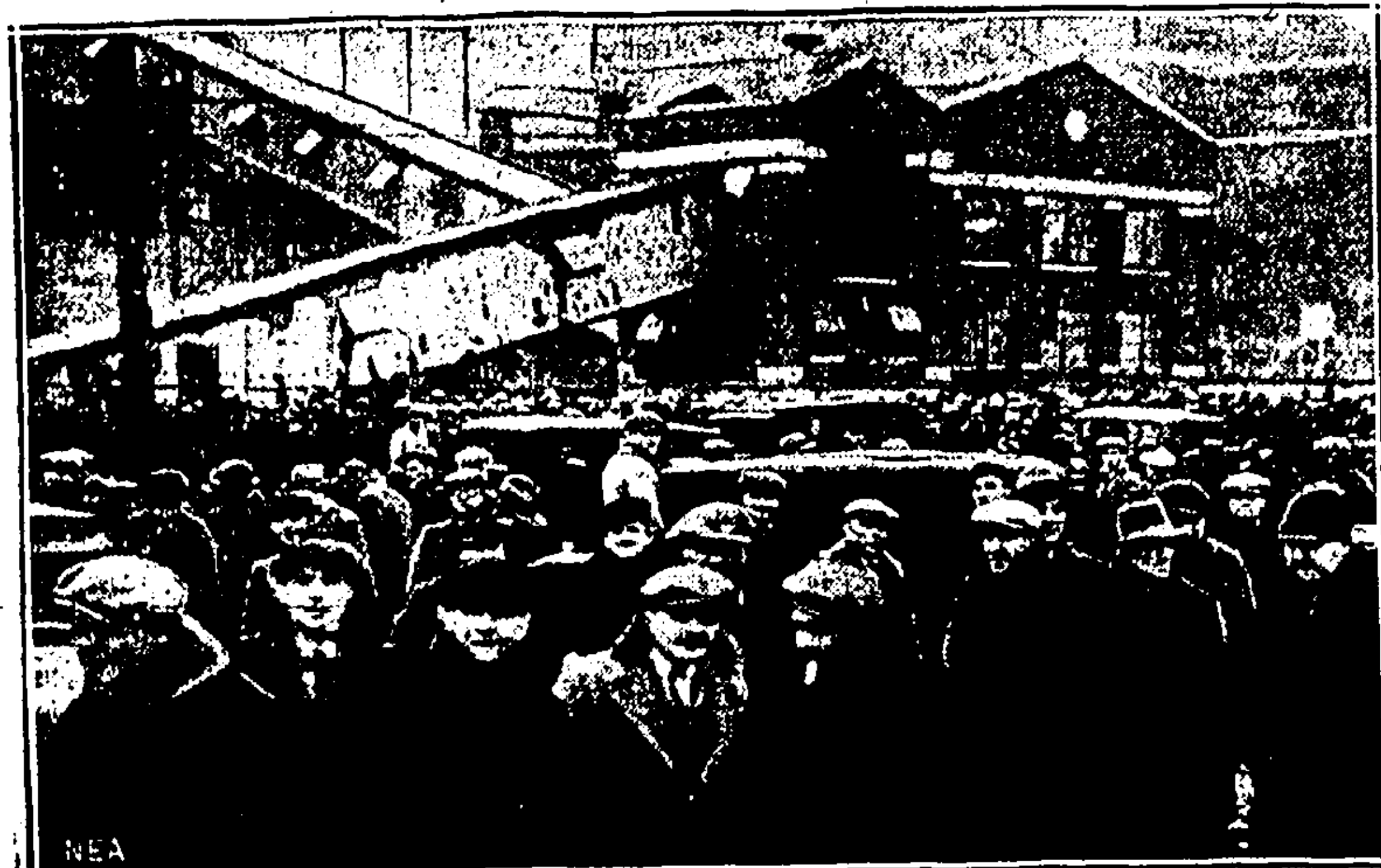
Another photo of the Oklahoma oil fire, indicating how near the blaze was to the centre of the city. As a matter of fact the City Hall is only 44 yards away.



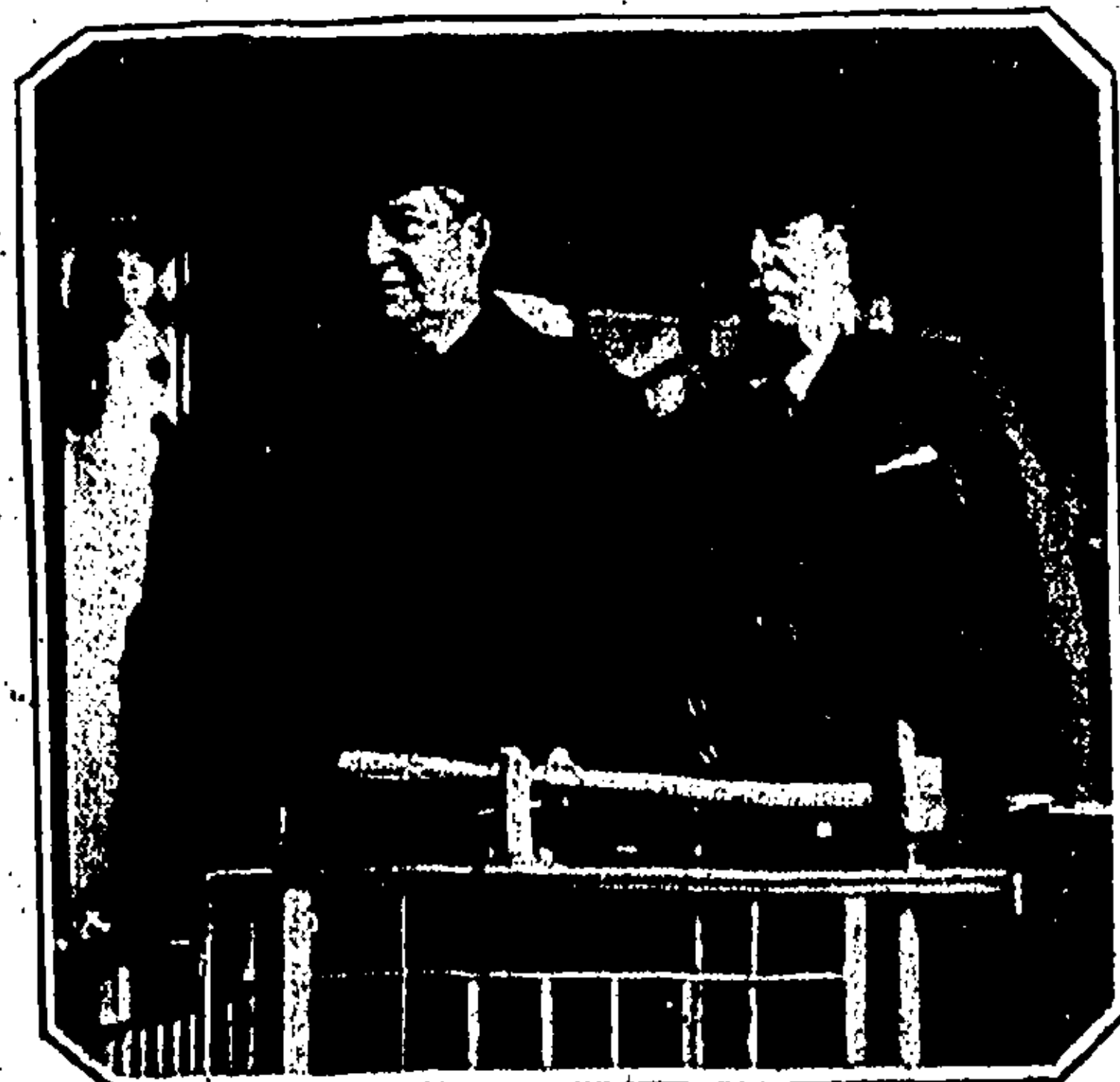
The battle proceeding between President Hoover and the Senate began with the appointment of Messrs. Garsaud, Draper, and Smith, above, as members of the U. S. Power Commission. Their first act was the dismissal of Mr. Russell (left) and Mr. King, below, which the Senate resented.



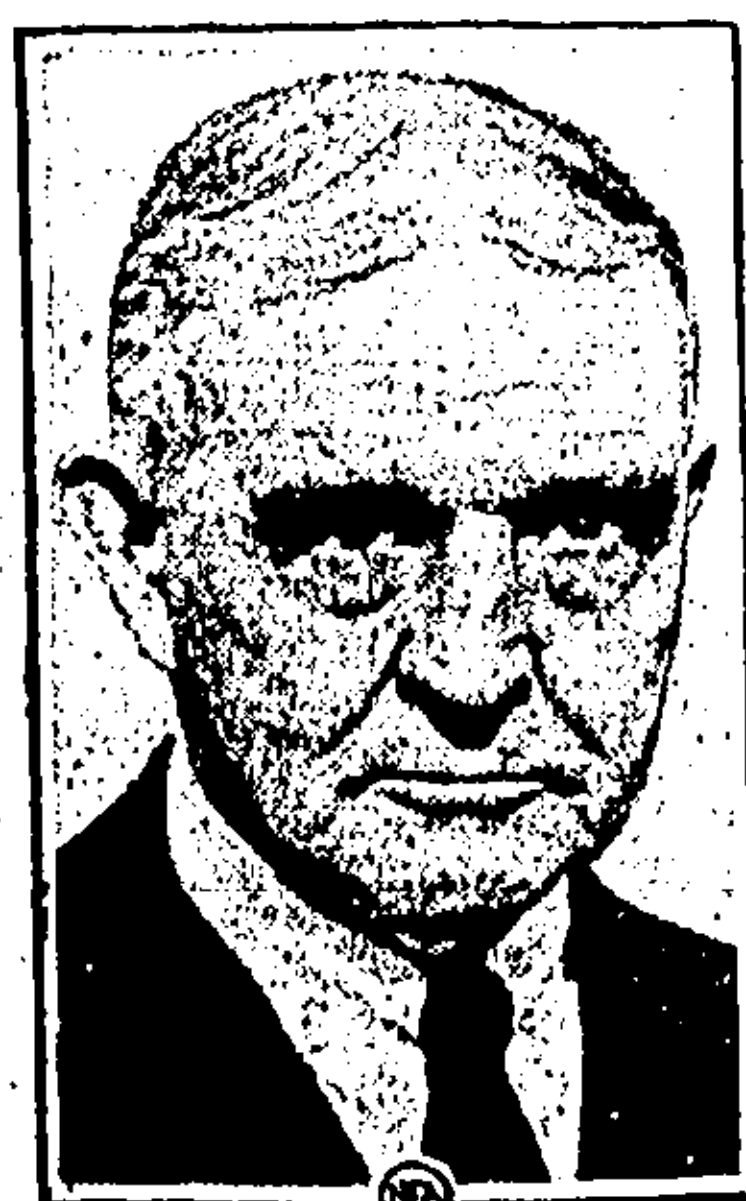
Left, Captain R. Pote-Hunt, of Shanghai, awarded the O.B.E. at New Year. Right, Admiral Chen Shao-kuan, who has gained the Paoting decoration.



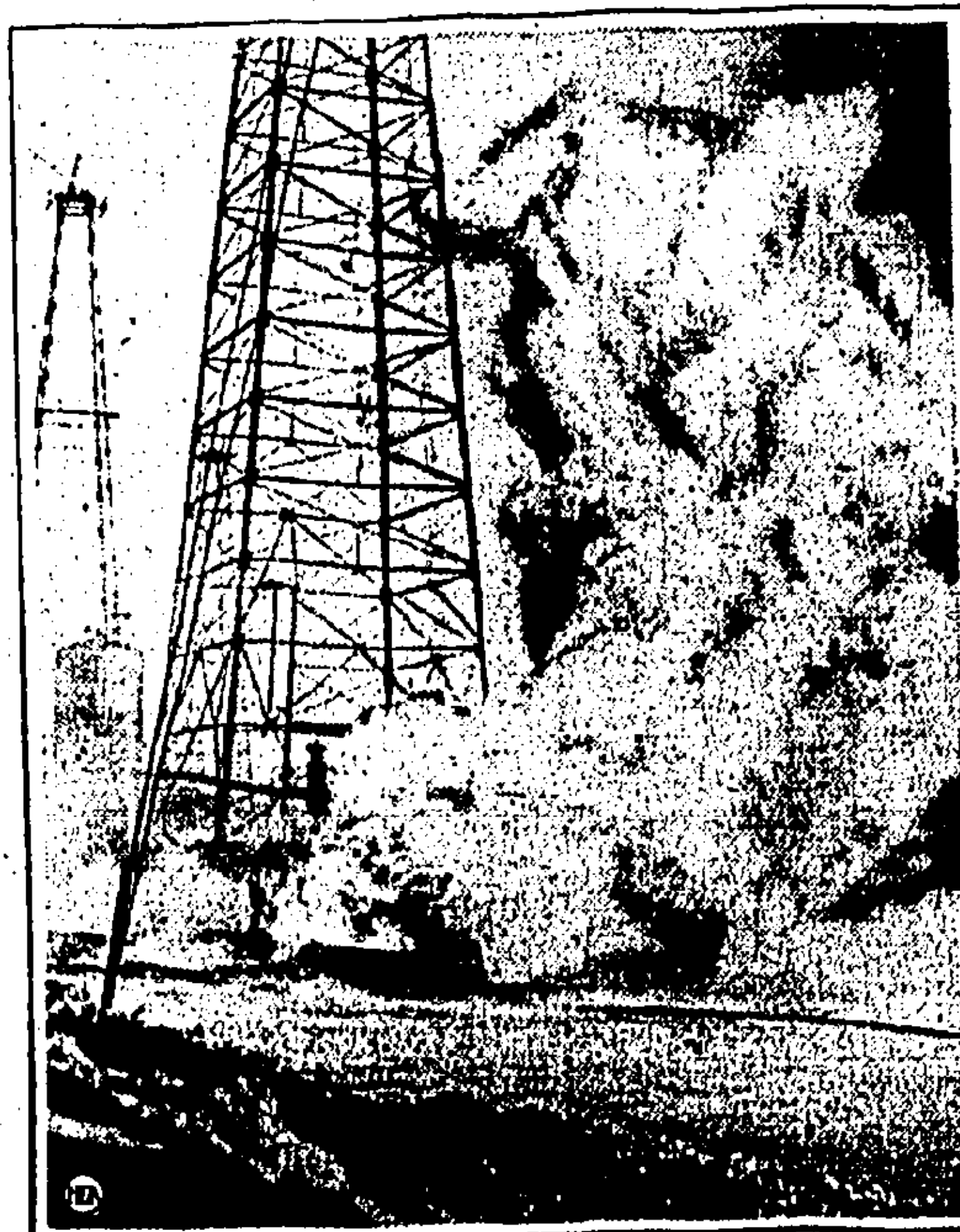
Detroit's industrial army, idle for two months, are shown above returning to Ford Motor Co. plant at River Rouge. 75,000 men being restored to their old jobs.



The "Sphinx" of Wall Street, Mr. George F. Baker, is shown above, right, leaving for his winter home to celebrate his 91st birthday. He refused to comment on the world depression.



Mr. J. B. Payne, chairman of the American Red Cross, who refused to accept \$25,000,000 from the Senate for the purposes of farm relief in the drought area.



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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

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General Managers,
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Hongkong, 5th March, 1931.

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Notice to Shareholders.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday, the 10th March, 1931, to Thursday, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELLE, Secretary,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-seventh Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Charter Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Friday, the 27th March, 1931, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930, and to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 14th March, 1931, until Friday, 27th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
SHIEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Forty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1930 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 5th March, 1931 to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

to be held on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	25	Mount Cameron	As per sale plan.	About 1,900	\$170	\$2150

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

to be held on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	191	New Kowloon Inland	As per sale plan.	About 9,227	\$170	\$13,211

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION.

to be held on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Wong Nei Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	3147	Inland Lot	As per sale plan.	About 3,350	\$40	\$16,500

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

The Final Dividend declared for the Year ending 31st December, 1931 at the rate of Three Pounds Sterling together with a Bonus of One Pound Sterling at exchange 1/1½ is payable on and after the 2nd March, 1931, at the Offices of the Corporation, where shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By order of the Board of Directors,
V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager,
Hongkong, 28th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

ANNUAL RACE MEETING 1931.
28TH FEBRUARY, 2ND, 3RD, 4TH AND 7TH MARCH, 1931.

On Saturday, 28th February the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and on all other days at 11.30 a.m. In the first day the first bell will be rung at 1 p.m. and on the other four days at 11 a.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies must wear their badges prominently displayed. No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively), are obtainable through the Secretary upon introduction by a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, &c.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

On no pretext will children be permitted in either enclosure during the first four days of the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$4.00 per day, including tax for all persons, including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax. Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, &c. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Passes for Servants will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead and Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

Employers are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes.

Servants are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties, but must remain in their employers' stands.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the enclosure.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE RE TRANSFER OF SHARES.

Shareholders are requested to note that no "New Issue" shares will be transferred until after the Transfer Books have been re-opened on the 19th March 1931.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-fifth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office 2 Lower Albert Road, on Wednesday, the 18th March, 1931 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 7th to the 18th March 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary,
Hongkong, 27th February, 1931.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Annual Race Meeting 1931.

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By Order,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary,
Hongkong, 25th February, 1931.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the 42nd Ordinary Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Wednesday, 4th March, 1931, to Wednesday, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH, Secretary,
Hongkong, 19th February, 1931.

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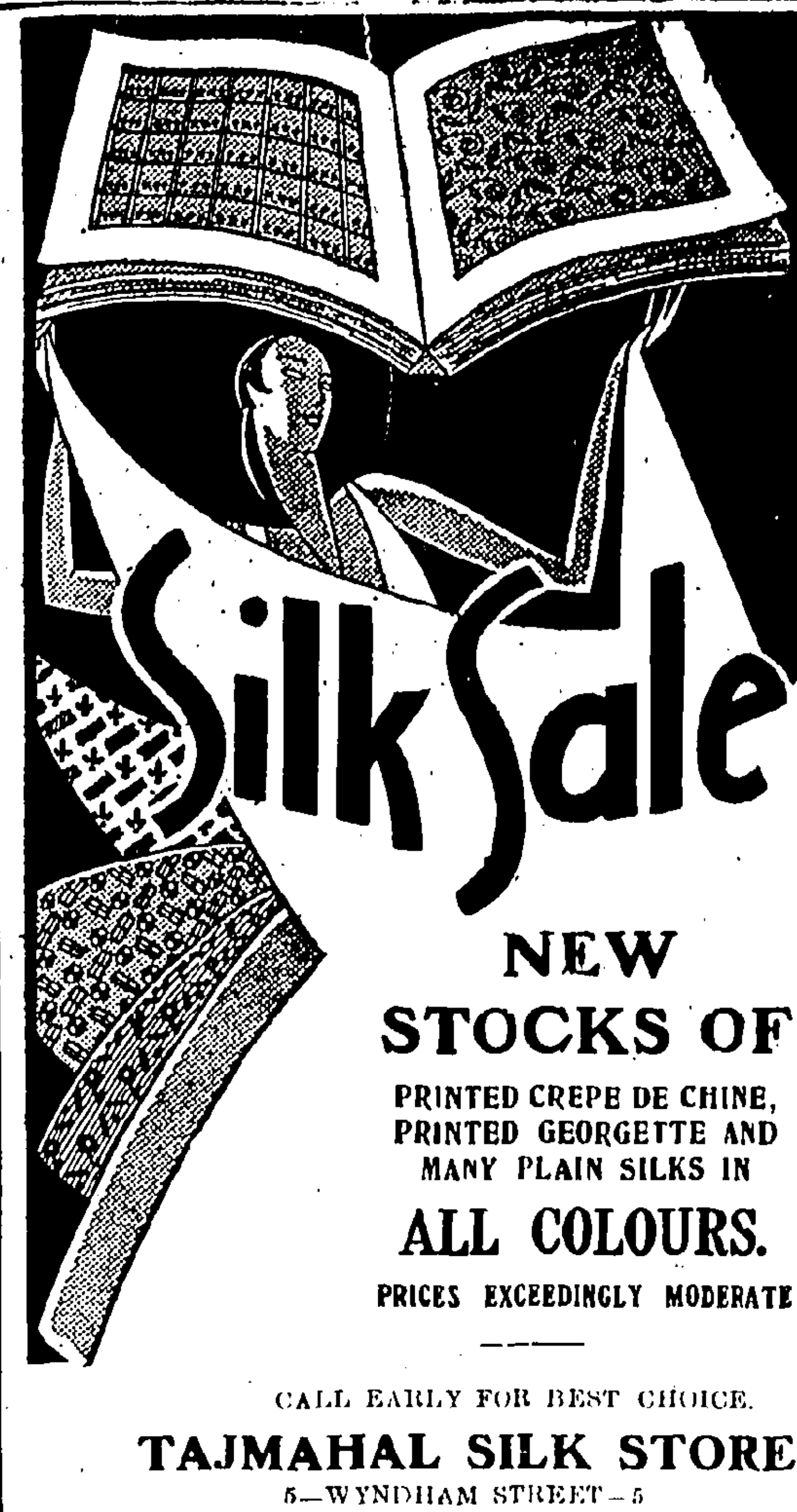
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From	Per	Due
Sandakan	Tjilliwong	March 6
Japan	Hawaii Maru	March 6
Europe via Negapatam. (Letters only, London 6th February)	Hakozaki Maru	March 6
Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia (London, 14th Feb.)	Khiva	March 6
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia (London 14th February)	Hakone Maru	March 6
Shanghai and Swatow	Taming	March 7
Europe via Negapatam (Papers only), London 6th February	Santhia	March 7
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan, Shanghai (San Francisco 6th February) and Europe via Siberia (London 16th Feb.)	Pres. Van Buren	March 7
Swatow	Mirzapore	March 8
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco 13th Feb.)	Pres. Madison	March 9
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai, (Seattle 21st February)	Pres. Pierce	March 13
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, (Vancouver B.C. 28th February)	Empress of Japan	March 20
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, (San Francisco 20th Feb.)	Pres. Garfield	March 21
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai, (San Francisco 27th Feb.)	Pres. Jackson	March 21

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs, Mar. 5, 3 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	Thurs, Mar. 5, 4 p.m.
Saigon	Borneo	Thurs, Mar. 5, 4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane	Sydney Maru	Thurs, Mar. 5, Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due Brisbane 19th March.)
Saigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *East and South Africa and *South American Ports	Hawaii Maru	Fri, Mar. 6, 2.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and *Europe via Siberia	Hakozaki Maru	Fri, Feb. 6, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching	Fri, Mar. 6, 1 p.m.
Hai Phong	Canton	Fri, Mar. 6, 2.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khiva	Sat, Mar. 7, K.P.O. Parcels Mar. 6, 4.30 p.m. Registration Mar. 7, 9 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels Mar. 6, 5 p.m. Registration Mar. 7, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 4th April.)
*Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	Hakone Maru	Sat, Mar. 7, 10 a.m. (Due Marseilles 4th April.)
Amoy	Anking	Sat, Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Van Buren	Sat, Mar. 7, 5 p.m.
Hongkong via Swatow	Kuying	Sun, Mar. 8, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun, Mar. 8, 9 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang	Mon, Mar. 9, Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and *Europe via San Francisco	Pres. Cleveland	Mon, Mar. 9, Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m. (Due San Francisco 1st April.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Pres. Cleveland	Mon, Mar. 9, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 6 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hui Ning	Tues, Mar. 10, 2.00 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Madison	Tues, Mar. 10, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Kweisan	Tues, Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Musang	Wed, Mar. 11, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang	Fri, Mar. 13, Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Huiyang	Fri, Mar. 12, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Khyber	Sat, Mar. 14, K.P.O. Parcels Mar. 13, 4.30 p.m. Registration Mar. 14, 9.00 a.m. Letters 10.00 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels Mar. 13, 5.00 p.m. Registration Mar. 14, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 11th April.) Emp. of Japan Sat, Mar. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Manila		

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SIR ROBERT HO TUNG ON EXCHANGE CRISIS.

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was farmed out) and (2) 1930 January-June (when from 1.1.30 to middle May such business was farmed out but thereafter until 30.6.30 was under Farmers' management) show that the receipts for the first period exceeded those for the second period by the sum of \$18,086.58 for the Canton line and \$20,963.30 for the Macao line. The comparative figures for the 1929 July-December period (when such business was farmed out) and for the 1930 July-December period (when the business was under the Company's own management) show that whilst the Company received \$10,727.86 less in the Macao line when the business was managed by the Company, it received \$97,153.55 more in the Canton line during the period of the Company's own management than the corresponding period in 1929 when the business was farmed out.

Compared with the gross earnings of the previous year, the Canton line showed a decrease of 5.2% for the first six months' working, but under our new management more favourable results were effected during the second half of the year and an increase of 28.1% was recorded. Compared with the immediately preceding half-year, viz. January, 1930, the result is even more striking, the ratio of increase in earnings being 33.1%.

Macao Line Losses.

As regards the loss of earnings on the Macao line of \$10,727.86, it should be pointed out that for about 3½ months during the period in question the Company had to compete with increased opposition. Had the business been farmed out, the farmers would have been entitled to substantial deductions in respect of this increased opposition. If the amount deductible by the farmers was to be credited to the account, the result would have shown a profit of approximately \$7,772.14.

It is gratifying to note investment fluctuation account shows an increase of \$333,644.40 and now stands at \$678,728.60. This augmentation is due to the exceptional rise during the past year in values of certain local stocks.

Steamer Depreciation.

In turning to the balance sheet you will notice a smaller sum has been written off for depreciation of steamers. Hitherto it has been the policy of the Company to write 5% off the cost value of the steamers or, in other words, writing them off in 20 years. On examination, your present Board considered the policy might undergo a change without detriment to the Company, as the average useful life of a river steamer is about 35 years. We have therefore written off 5% of the book values, instead of cost value.

You will have seen from the report that there has been a heavy falling off in steamers' net earnings compared with the previous year. Gentlemen, you will, I think, desire me to explain to you briefly the reasons for the reduced net earnings.

Silver and Gold.

The principal adverse factor is one influencing practically all business undertakings in the Colony without exception, in which revenue is derived wholly in silver currency but the greater proportion of the expenditure of which has to be met in gold. Such is the unfortunate position of your Company today. It suffices to state that European floating staff wages, passage money, home leave privileges, cost of coal, stores and docking charges, are all incurred on a sterling basis, whereas the Company's receipts are taken in silver, part of which is Canton subsidiary coins which entails about 30% loss upon conversion into Hongkong dollars.

To enable you to form a correct appreciation of the increased expenditure principally due to exchange differences I will itemize separate

heads of expenditure. Out of a total increase of over \$160,000. Wages were responsible for \$58,618, coal \$30,349, stores \$12,421, home leave pay \$8,862, wireless pay \$5,347, repairs, \$18,195.

Radical Changes Needed.

From the figures I have just quoted it will be seen how impossible it is for the Company to continue on the present working principles. Radical changes are called for. Your business is not the only one in the Colony that has to face these contending factors so prejudicial to your best interests. The problem, bristling with difficulties and I may say that for some time now this all-important exchange factor has been engaging the serious attention of your directors. We are glad that a Commission is coming out to Hongkong at the instance of the Colonial Office to investigate into the currency question. May we hope that some amelioration of the present difficult situation be fully realised.

During the year more steamers were placed in opposition both on the Canton and Macao services. Freight rates throughout the year ruled very low, showing in some cases only a bare margin of profit.

Practically all local shipping undertakings have suffered from local business stagnation, fall in exchange and the periodical recurring political disturbances in the neighbouring provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

I may mention that your directors, after due consideration decided to insure the Company's steamers against total loss only but including salvage and damage by fire instead of on W. A. basis, thereby effecting a saving of about \$17,000 in premium a year. At the same time they effected insurance to cover loss of earnings in the event of total loss for the sum of \$400,000.

Mr. Arnold's Resignation.

Our secretary, Mr. John Arnold, has, owing to ill health, tendered his resignation, which we with regret have accepted. Mr. Arnold has devoted no less than 30 years to the service of the Company, of which period he acted as secretary for 17 years. I can pay him no higher tribute than to say that during this time he has gained not only the respect but, I think, the esteem of all those with whom he has come into contact. His long shipping experience has been an invaluable factor in the conduct of the business of the Company. We shall lose in him a most efficient secretary. I feel sure you will approve of the director's action in granting to him in recognition of his long services a bonus of \$20,000, which includes the equivalent of nine months' leave. To succeed Mr. Arnold we have appointed Mr. George E. Ellams as acting secretary.

I can only express the hope that when we next meet the long-desired improvement in trade may have developed so as to reflect itself in the lifting of the depression that has been over the shipping industry for such a long period.

It has always been the custom of the chairman in closing his remarks to thank the staff of the Company, both ashore and afloat, who always labour strenuously in the promotion of our interests. I do so with much pleasure on this occasion. I wish to acknowledge to all members of our staff, European and Chinese, my appreciation of their loyalty and devotion to duty.

Seconders' Speech.

Mr. M. Fernandez, in seconding the adoption of the report said:—Mr. Chairman, I beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts, and in doing so, I would like to make a few remarks. Your announcement of the inability of the directors to recommend the payment of a dividend does not come as a surprise to me. It will doubtless be remembered that when addressing your predecessor in the chair at the last annual meeting, I called attention to the fact, that, due to the farming system, our steamers had been running at a loss and that the payment of dividends by borrowed money was "unjustified."

as the net profit was mainly income obtained from investments. The farming out of the Chinese freight and passage business had never been satisfactory.

In view of the gratifying results obtained under the Company's new system, during the period of six months (July to December) which have so fully proved the wisdom of the policy, outlined by you a year ago, I wish to congratulate you, sir, and to express the conviction that the confidence in you evidenced by the large number of votes in your favour at the poll on 24th June, 1930, has been fully justified.

Unity of opinion among shareholders is usually not easily obtained, because of their varying points of view, also because they are not as a rule an organized body, nor are they easily organized. It is, therefore, not an easy matter for shareholders assembled at a meeting, to decide which one of their number is best fitted to represent them.

Policy Justified.

At the time when you took over the management, there was great uncertainty as to the future of the Company. There were so many uncertain factors and so many serious possibilities, that your task, sir, was indeed a difficult one. The situation was unusually complex.

The task of revitalising and recapturing the lost business of the Company was not an easy one, but you have surmounted all the obstacles and emerged triumphant, with an increased revenue of nearly a lakh on the Canton line. This is attributable to your able management and proves conclusively that the shareholders made no mistake when they approved your policy by such a large majority, thereby showing that they realised that "you possessed the best qualifications for undertaking the control and development of the Company's affairs."

On Sound Basis.

Although last year's profit may be somewhat disappointing, due principally to the unparalleled drop in exchange, shareholders ought to be gratified to note that the Company's share investment cost prices of \$385,968.90 appreciated \$678,728.60 (including "last year" \$333,644.40) making a total of \$1,064,717.60 or something over 175% of their original book values.

Perusal of the report amply illustrates the soundness of the Company in tangible liquid assets. The Company is now established on a very sound basis.

In conclusion, I desire to state that, while present prospects may not be as bright as we should like, due to the continued existence and the seriousness of current shipping depression, and competition, combined with the unfavourable exchange, we have reason to be encouraged, inasmuch as the Company has come through such parlous times and the report shows such a satisfactory position, which is indeed as good as could be expected in such circumstances, and I feel certain that, when the longed-for revival of trade materializes this Company will receive its fair quota of prosperity. With these few remarks I beg to second the adoption of the report and the statement of accounts.

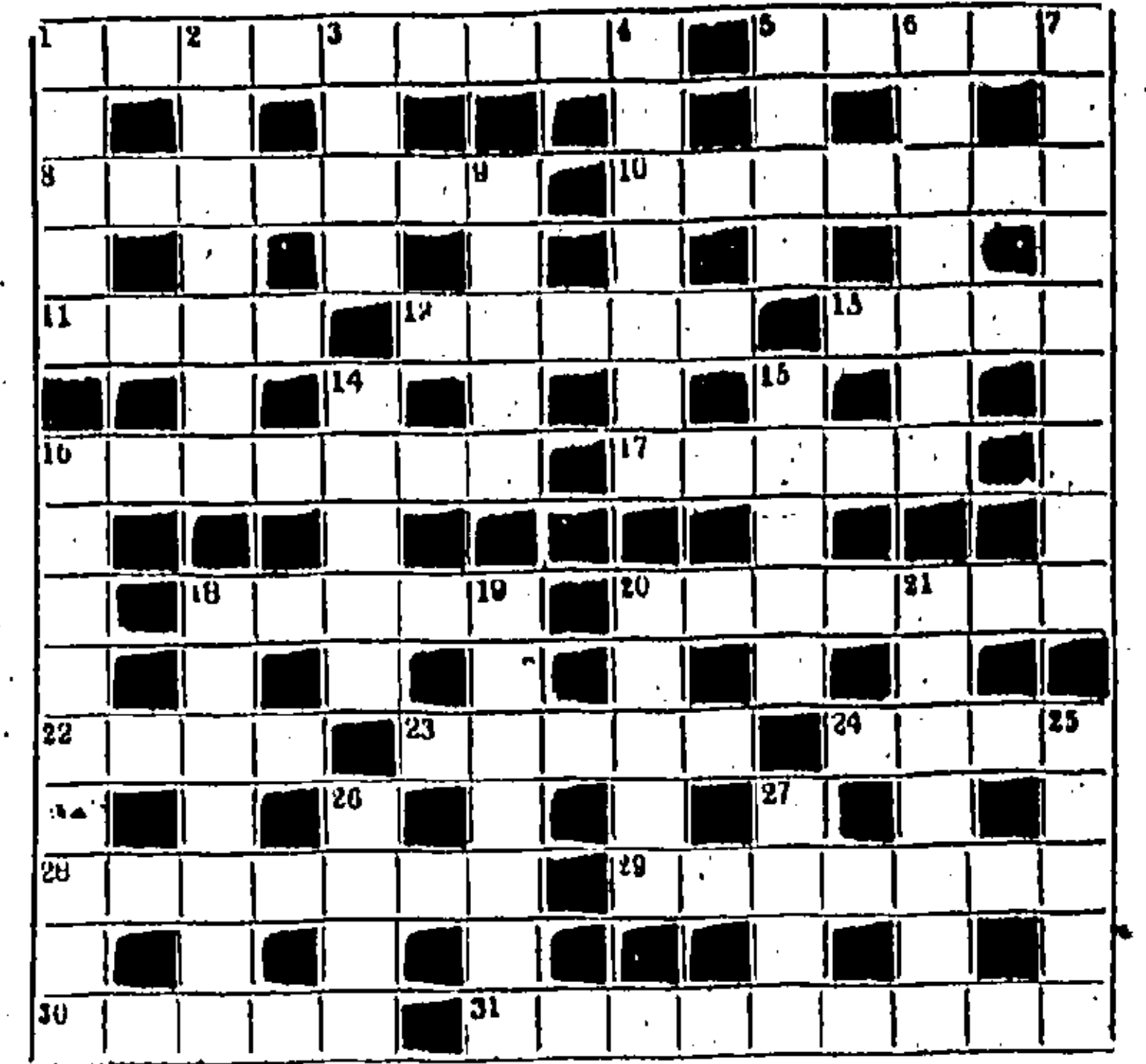
The Report and Accounts were unanimously adopted.

Business Matters.

Mr. K. Stuart Smith proposed, and Mr. M. H. Lo seconded, the re-appointment of Messrs. R. K. Batchelor and Li Tse-fong to the Board of Directors, and on the motion of Mr. M. P. Lo, seconded by Mr. Wei Tat, Messrs. Lo, Batchelor, and Davis, and Messrs. Lowe, Bingham, and Matthews, were re-elected auditors.

Sir Robert Ho Tung was supported by the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Messrs. Li Tse-fong, M. K. Lo, R. K. Batchelor and C. A. de Rosa (Directors), Mr. G. E. Ellams (acting Secretary) and Messrs. A. M. de L. Soares, M. H. Lo, Hung Tze-see, Luk Pak-to, M. Fernandez, M. P. Lo, Wei Tat, Kwan Yau-kwong, J. D. Bush, Ho Leung and Ho Po-sang (shareholders).

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 Stop, friend!—It's the end of the game.
- 3 Low quality black tea.
- 4 The strawberry tree places a conjunction before us.
- 10 A hunter carries one on each side.
- 11 What killed Julius Caesar?
- 12 An Asiatic Kingdom.
- 13 Here in Germany—yesterday in France.
- 16 For foot-work.
- 17 Never supplies courage.
- 18 Stint.
- 20 "Or where the gorgeous East, with richest hand,—on her kings barbaric pearl and gold."
- 22 What Scottish river means to deers?
- 23 Throw upward—a little short of heaven.
- 24 Let go, and it will drop end on. End (hidden).
- 28 An ancient galley.
- 29 "I lay war" (anag.).
- 30 Has a ceremonious sound, it is true.
- 31 Hoards up.

Down

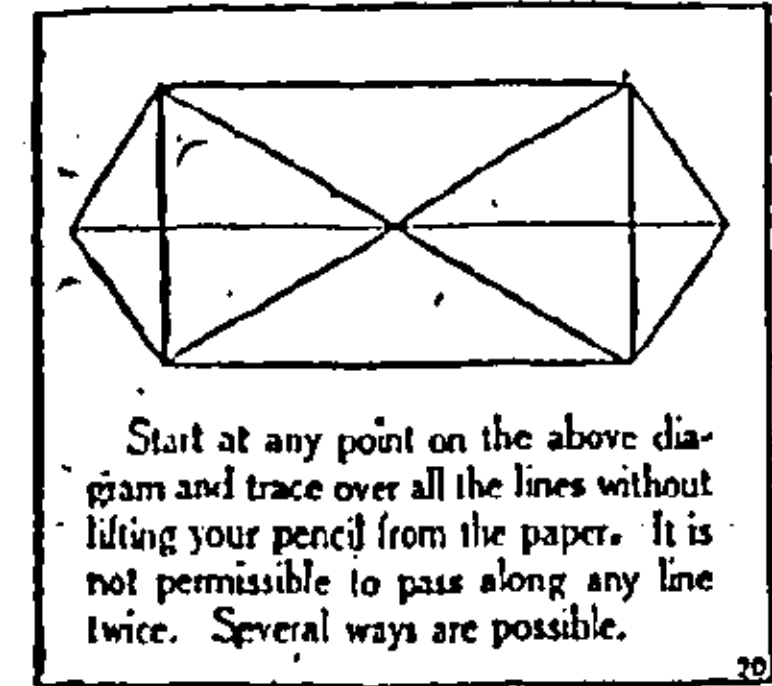
- 1 Stupid—partly due to the donkey, of course.
- 2 Let me, then, sour adversity. For wise men say it is the wisest course.—"King Henry VI."
- 3 What Henry V. called his wife.
- 4 A modern sculptor.
- 5 Square-rigged vessel with two masts.
- 6 A young woman who has a harassing time, as a rule, until the last chapter.

- 7 A snake and a fragment of cloth before us are an esteemed table delicacy.
- 9 This may come out in volumes, but is not obtainable on the installment plan.
- 11 and 15. No one ever knew what happened to this character of Dickens.
- 16 A number of men situated between two hills become a single individual with annoying characteristics.
- 18 Classifying.
- 19 Pretence.
- 20 This cut is scarcely severe.
- 21 Authorise. A divinity shapes its end.
- 25 Modern poet, whose name contradicts itself.
- 26 Tendency.
- 27 Fruit (plural).

Yesterday's Solution

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CHANGES AT SCOTLAND YARD.

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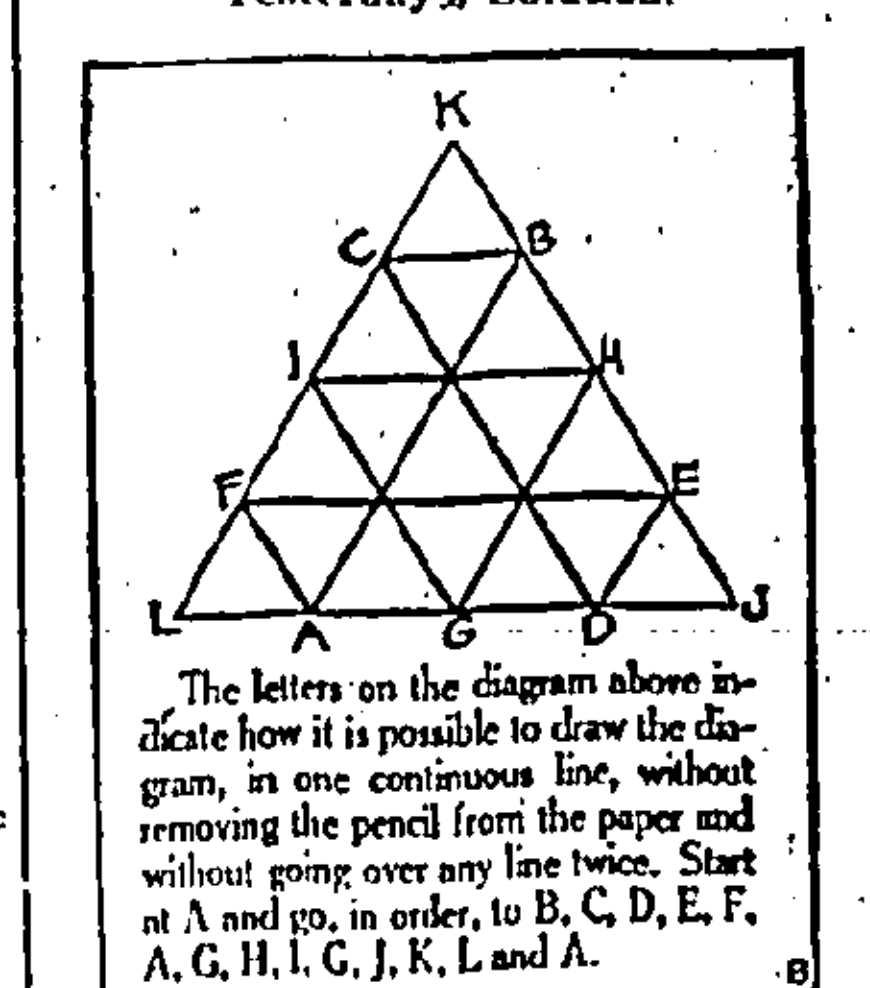
London, Jan. 31.

Important changes are shortly to take place in the administration of Scotland Yard, but it is probable that they will in no way affect the position of Viscount Byng of Vimy, the Chief Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

Mr. Clynes, the Home Secretary, is considering appointments, one of the offices concerned being that of Deputy Commissioner, which became vacant on the death of Sir Charles Royds.

Lord Byng has been on leave in the south of France since November 22, and, so far as is known, he intends to return to Scotland Yard early in April. During the week-end he had a conference with Sir Trevor Bigham, Assistant Commis-

Yesterday's Solution.



sioner, who left London on Thursday. It is now understood that he has returned to London, and is expected that an official announcement will be made shortly.

In view of the prolonged absence of the Chief Commissioner, and the fact that he has been on leave for reasons of ill-health during 13 months out of the two and a half years since his appointment, it has been frequently suggested that he should resign. This, however, is not his intention, and it is expected that with his return to duty and the appointment of a new Deputy Commissioner, affairs at Scotland Yard will return to normal.

Mr. Clynes denied yesterday any knowledge of a suggestion that a position at Scotland Yard had been offered to Sir Ernley Blackwell.

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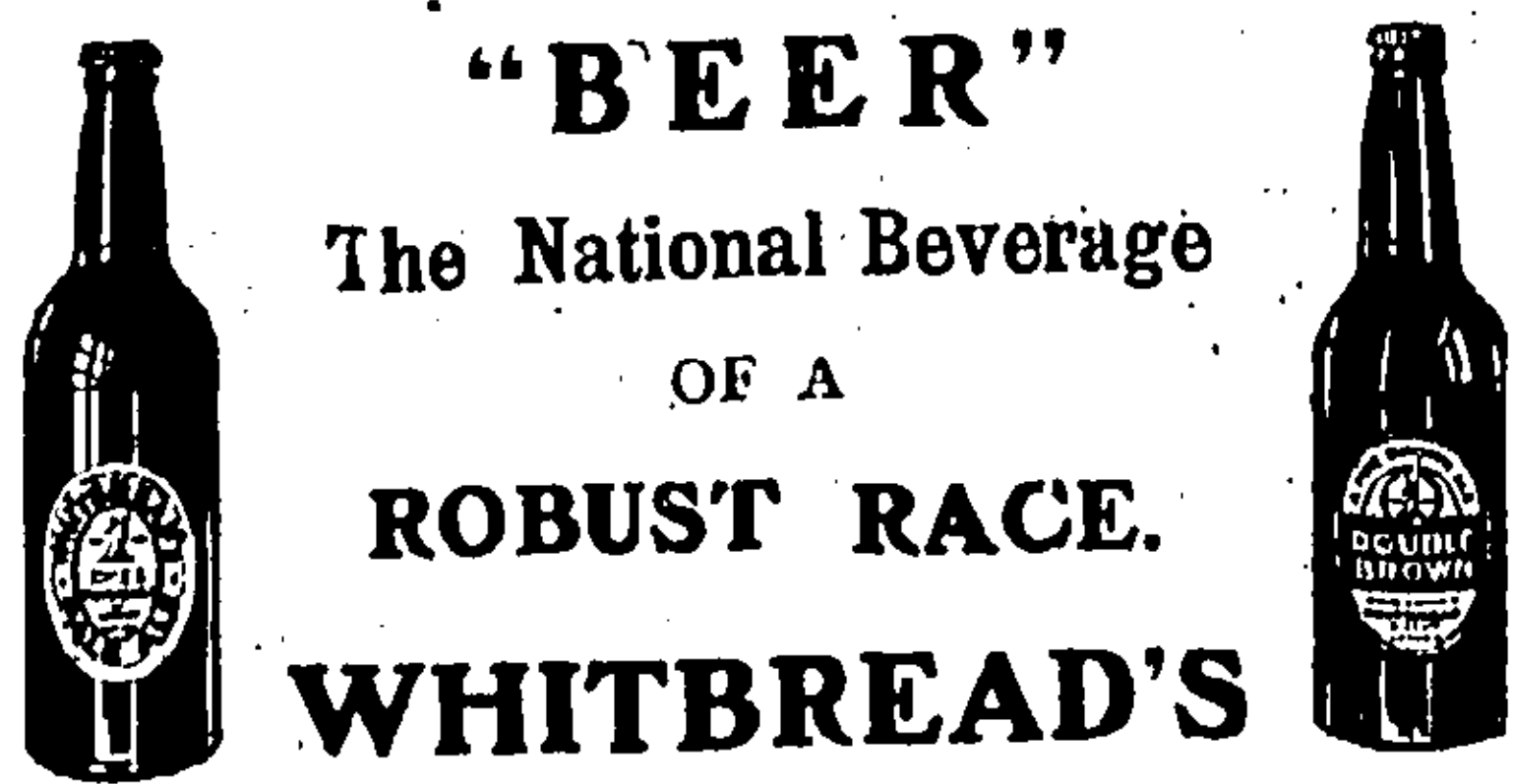
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Miss G. L. Rowbotham, and Mr. J. Barnes, invite all friends to their wedding at St. John's Cathedral, on Saturday, 14th March, at 2.30 p.m., and to the reception afterwards at Lane Crawford's Restaurant.

DEATH.

RIBEIRO.—On the 6th March, 1931, at the French Hospital, Jean Marie Ribeiro, aged 36. Funeral will pass the Monument, 1-day at 5.30 p.m. (Shanghai, Tientsin and Macao papers please copy).

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 1931.

PEACE IN INDIA.

It has been said that the justification for any experiment is its eventual success. Viewed from that standpoint, the recent release of Gandhi and the invitation extended to him to discuss Indian affairs with the Viceroy would appear to have been a triumph for diplomacy. We are assuming, of course, that all obstacles hitherto standing in the way of an adjustment of viewpoint between Britain and the Congress will now be overcome and that the basis of a lasting peace will have been laid as a result of the Irwin-Gandhi talks. At the moment of writing, the outlook is decidedly propitious. If full and complete accord is reached, a development of the first magnitude will have occurred, one which should remove once and for all any thought of future serious trouble in India.

The Round Table Conference in London was the starting point for the new position since created. Its outstanding effect was to reveal a decided change of heart even amongst the British "die-hards," so much so that the Indian delegates of all shades of opinion were able to leave England with a firm assurance that Britain was actuated by considerations of the highest sincerity, anxious to meet legitimate Indian aspirations and to secure, in the mutual interest of all concerned, a united, peaceful and progressive India. The vapourings of the reactionaries, of which we have had far too much within the past few months, have, happily, been ignored by those of more liberal and reasonable outlook whose one desire is to solve a problem which has hitherto defied the arts of statesmanship. Mr. Churchill may, with questionable taste, refer to Gandhi as a half-naked, seditious fakir, and may have been chagrined that the Congress leader should personally exchange views with Lord Irwin on India's future, but now that the parleys

have borne fruit, he stands discredited both in his attitude and in his ill-chosen words. Fortunately, the solution of the Indian problem has not lain with men of his outlook. Future history may, indeed, show that it was fortunate that at this critical time a liberal-minded British Administration was in office. The convening of the Round Table Conference was a right step, its recommendations were a logical interpretation of a very complex situation, and the continuation of the parleys in India has been more than justified.

Into the terms of the adjustment it is not necessary to enter now. They are based on compromise, as all worthwhile settlements must be, and if they result in lasting peace for India, they must win general approval. The happy termination of friction between Britain and the Indian people must be viewed as a triumph for the British Government, and following closely on the success of the naval conversations, must raise its prestige so far as its Empire and foreign policies are concerned. But possibly to Lord Irwin more than to any other one man is the success attributable. His tenure of the Viceroyalty has been marked by tremendous difficulties, even dangers. But he has remained calm, dignified and unflinching throughout. More than that, he has revealed marked gifts as a diplomat, a capacity to succeed in the most unenviable surroundings. Of detractors, even amongst British politicians, he has had many, but when he comes to lay down his office he will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has well and truly served his King and the Empire.

Silver Stabilisation.

Schemes for the stabilisation of the price of silver are legion. The only fault to be found with the vast majority of them is on the score of practicability. The latest to come to hand in any detail, however, seems to differ from its predecessors in appearing to offer a reasonable basis for international discussion. The author is Mr. F. H. Brownell, the chairman of the American Smelting and Refining Company, and his views are worthy of close examination because he does not make the initial mistake of alleging that the silver slump is a result of the breakdown of trade with China, but comes to the more correct conclusion that the decline in China's commerce is an effect and not a cause of the present low price of silver. He also points out, regarding the arguments concerning over-production, that silver is probably the only commodity the production of which is unaffected by its price. As a by-product mainly, it will be brought into the market as long as allied metals continue to be worth mining. This has not encouraged over-production, he asserts. On the contrary, production has only increased by 22.5 per cent. per decade as compared with 52.48 per cent. for copper, 51.6 per cent. for gold and 114.4 per cent. for zinc. On this basis, he rejects every theory regarding the causes of the unprecedented slump in price with the exception of that thrusting the responsibility upon government sales of demonetized metal. Such sales in 1928, 1929, and 1930, were eighteen times greater in volume than the total increase in output. The diagnosis implies the remedy. Avoiding the bimetallic plans, Mr. Brownell suggests an informal stabilisation without fixing any ratio to gold. He asks for an international understanding that silver owned by governments will not be sold at a price less than 2/2 per ounce, slightly more than double the present price, coupled with undertakings to replenish silver stocks up to the limit allowed by various national laws governing subsidiary coinage whenever prices fall below a certain point. It is important also to note that Mr. Brownell means stabilisation and not merely artificial price fixing until the metal makes a natural recovery. It is part of his scheme that governments should begin to sell their stocks immediately silver prices begin to rise above 2/8 (that is

DAY BY DAY.

HE THAT WILL NOT REASON IS A BIGOT; HE THAT CANNOT REASON IS A FOOL; AND HE THAT DARES NOT REASON IS A SLAVE.—Sir W. Drummond.

"A Kangaroo."—We do not think any useful purpose will be served by publishing your letter.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board is to be held to-morrow afternoon, when formal business will be considered.

One non-Chinese case of typhoid fever and a non-Chinese case of smallpox were reported to the Medical Officer of Health yesterday.

Tung Tong (aged 23 years), a maid-servant at a flat in Luna Buildings, Kimberley Road, Kowloon, was found dead hanging by a silk cord from a gas pipe in the kitchen yesterday.

Dr. Li Shui Pui will read a paper on "Post-Graduate Studies Abroad," before the Hongkong University Medical Society at the Union Assembly Room on Tuesday, 17th March, at 5.15 p.m. All are cordially invited.

Yip Yue, a stall holder in a hut at the corner of Prince Edward Road and Argyle Street, has reported an armed robbery to the Kowloon City Police. He said that three men, armed with a revolver and knives entered the hut at 7.40 p.m. yesterday and stole two bangles valued at \$20 from his sister.

PRETTY WEDDING.

POLICE OFFICER MARRIED YESTERDAY.

At St. Peter's Church yesterday the wedding took place of Mr. Robert James Clarke, of the Hongkong Police, and Miss Gladys McClenahan. The bride is a daughter of Captain and Mrs. S. G. McClenahan, of Port Talbot, South Wales, while the bridegroom is a son of Mrs. and the late Mr. Clarke, of Mallow, County Cork, Ireland.

The Rev. N. L. Watkins officiated, and during a part of the ceremony the "Londonderry Air" was played by the organist, Mr. R. Woolley.

Mr. E. Clemo gave away the bride, whose dress was of blue lace. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. M. Flaherty as "best man," and the matron of honour was Madame Ohi.

Following the Church ceremony in the forenoon, a reception was held at the Cafe Alexandra, where many friends of the couple and the bridegroom's brother officers attended to offer their congratulations. Later they left for Macao, where the honeymoon is being spent.

assuming the first factor is 2/2) and should keep selling until the upward tendency has been checked. Governments would buy when the price is falling and sell when the price is rising. The equilibrium would thus be well protected. On the face of it, the plan is sound enough to warrant close examination by interested authorities.

AMERICA FACES STERN FACTS.

By VALENTINE E. WILLIAMS.

ONE of the first things in the New York street scene to catch the eye of the visitor from England is the comparative absence of umbrellas, even in such wet weather as greeted my recent arrival on these shores.

"The American people," says "Al" Smith, ex-Governor of New York and Democratic candidate at the last presidential election, who, as a child of the city streets, knows more than most about the psychology of the American masses, "never carry an umbrella. They are prepared to walk in eternal sunshine." Well, the sunshine, that is to say, the boom period, is over. American skies are grey to-day. It is raining. In fact, it is pouring cats and dogs. And America, true to form, has been caught without an umbrella.

The Newcomer.

Probably more easily than the native, the newcomer, fresh from the chronic hard times at home, may appreciate the drama and the vibrant interest of the truly extraordinary situation prevailing over here. In the light of America's reactions to the unprecedented wave of depression which holds the entire land in its grip, many preconceived ideas about American conditions have to be revised. Much that puzzled European minds in American psychology during and since the war becomes clear.

Europe has grown used to the spectacle (if it were not the mirage) of a rich America. With the waxing of American prosperity large sections of the community everywhere abroad entered exclusively for the "wealthy American." Nothing was too good (or too expensive) for him. By reason of his potential spending capacity, the very face of such pleasure resorts as the French Riviera was changed.

Europe sold, or organised to sell, him its finest luxury products, its art treasures, its chateaux. Europeans flocked across the Atlantic to make music for him, to paint his portrait, to arrange his collections of books and pictures, to decorate his home.

Clear Thinking Needed.

Though as yet you will not find many Americans ready to admit it, this state of affairs has come to an end. Better days will return without doubt, but when no American can say:

The merciful march of world events has played such havoc with the comfortable theoreticians of the boom period that in America to-day the prophet is more than usually without honour. The colossus of modern America has been so staggered by the successive blows of fate that it produces upon the mind of the unprejudiced observer the impression of a boxer groping his way back to consciousness from a left to the chin.

The lack of clear thinking which this state implies is at present one of the greatest obstacles to recovery.

It is bewildering to the visitor to New York, with this picture of a wealthy and prosperous America, firmly etched upon the mind, to find himself in a city of long faces and tightened belts, of bread lines and public charity, how much more bewildering for the American thus

rudely awakened from a blissful dream of prosperity as something inherent in the American scheme to the hard grey light of morning! Now New York to-day suggests a banquet-hall where in the dawn the guttering candles wanly illuminate the havoc of past revelry.

It is city of spectres. Phantoms of vanished riches haunt every feast. On every hand they are to be met with, these erstwhile men of wealth who went down in the crash or lost high-salaried jobs in the ensuing stringency. Men who sold luxurious apartments, Long Island estates, motor-cars, yachts, and are living modestly on what they were able to save from the wreck or in subordinate positions procured for them by the good nature, the typically American good nature, of their friends.

They are glad enough to earn in a year as much as of yore they would have expended on the festivities of a single night.

Soaring Towers.

The philosopher who would take a walk to-day amid the soaring towers of Manhattan has abundant food for thought. One cannot contemplate the austere beauty of such a staggering pile as the new Empire State Building with its 85 floors, now nearing completion, without reflecting that, like Karnak, this stupendous edifice, at a cost of six millions sterling, was reared on the supposition that the splendour it typifies would last for ever.

Fundamentally of course, America is immensely prosperous and her limitless resources will undoubtedly enable her to be the first to emerge from the present world depression. But in New York to-day the mind instinctively contrasts the luxury and magnificence of banks, business offices and shops with the diminished throngs frequenting them, while on the pavements outside beggars timidly pluck the sleeves of the passer-by and at the street corners the unemployed, shivering in the winter air, vend their apples and tangerines. With characteristic courage and vigour, though seemingly without understanding what what is it all about, the American people are making a determined, if at present a somewhat incoherent, effort to cope with the distress in their midst. The purse-strings of the charitable were never more freely opened; never has individual endeavour more selflessly or widely been given.

There is virtually no provision in the United States for Government relief of distress, and the feeling is growing that the present extensive measures of private assistance benefit mainly the permanent unemployed (and chiefly unemployed) mass without touching more than the fringes of the acute suffering of the middle classes.

Poor Relief.

American sentiment has always been strongly against what is regarded here as the weakening of individual effort by such schemes as official poor relief or unemployment insurance. The newly awakened interest in social legislation as the result of the crisis is symptomatic of the change which is coming over the American mentality—for Britain and the rest of Europe not the least important feature of the situation.

Men Do Notice Your Feet!

By MRS. JAMES RODNEY.

WOMEN who understand neither clothes nor masculine psychology fondly imagine that men never notice dress details.

Yet the fact that one frequently hears of ordinary American girls winning—in the teeth of international competition—husbands of all nationalities, with riches, position, and good looks. At any rate, they win admiration for their chic. And the difference between the average business girl one sees in New York, London, and Paris, is simply one of detail. It seems to me to be chiefly a question of shoes, stockings, gloves, and hats.

In London, however, nearly turned-out a girl may be with regard to her frock and coat, one seldom finds her legs shown off to their best advantage, or her feet and hands properly fitted. She may explain that good shoes and gloves are too costly.

But in New York they will never agree with this argument! Shoes, stockings, gloves, and, quite possibly, hats are more essential to

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"I wonder if that fellow over there is trying to flirt with us."

**IMPORTANT POINT
RAISED.****SHIPPING CO. MANAGER AND
OVERLOADING.****KNOWLEDGE ISSUE.**

The case in which Mr. Chan Yun-tong, manager of the Sze Yip S. S. Company, stated to be the owners of the s.s. Tai Lee, was summoned for allowing this vessel to be overloaded, was again before the Hon. Commr. G. F. Hole, R.N., at the Marine Court this morning.

Capt. R. Elvidge, who was master of the Tai Lee at the time of the alleged offence, was also summoned.

Mr. J. S. C. Brooks, appeared for Mr. Chan Yun-tong, while Mr. A. G. Cooke, of the Harbour Department, was for the prosecution.

The offence is alleged to have been committed whilst the Tai Lee was alongside the "Ping On Wharf" at 8 p.m. on March 1.

Pleading "Not Guilty," Mr. Brooks said he objected to the summons against Mr. Chan on two grounds, (1) that it was issued against Mr. Chan Yun-tong as owner of the Tai Lee, which he was not, and (2) that Mr. Chan knew nothing about the alleged overloading and was therefore not liable in that case.

Questioned by his Worship, Mr. Cooke said he could not prove that Mr. Chan was the owner of the s.s. Tai Lee, but gave time, he would be able to prove that Mr. Chan was the manager of the Sze Yip S. S. Company, who were the owners of the ship.

Mr. Brooks pointed out that as the Sze Yip S. S. Company were the owners of the s.s. Tai Lee, the summons should have been taken out against this Company, and not against Mr. Chan. He added that he thought the summons was bad in the way it was worded. He did not want to raise any unnecessary difficulty for the prosecution, and would admit that Mr. Chan was the manager of the Sze Yip S. S. Company.

With regard to his second objection, Mr. Brooks said Mr. Chan knew nothing about the loading of the ship. As a matter of fact, he was dining in a restaurant in Des Voeux Road at the time of the alleged offence and it was up to the prosecution to prove that Mr. Chan had knowledge of the overloading.

The case was adjourned until Monday morning to allow the prosecution to obtain the necessary evidence.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Illusion.**(To The Editor of Hongkong
Telegraph.)

Sir—Is it not wonderful the extent to which, even in this sophisticated age, we live in a world of make-believe? For example, what a vast amount of pretence is woven around that trinity of existence, Birth, Marriage and Death? "All is Illusion," except Death," quotes Tom Wright in a recent article, and yet what elusive illusions are employed to gloss over all that is connected by the stark reality of mortality!

How ostrich-like, too, is the attitude of most to the cruelty involved in the preparation of their daily dinner. How many would fume "to wade through slaughter" to a juicy joint if they were unable to fool their conscience by delegating the revolting work to others possessed of less refined feelings.

"Man," I heard a Hongkong minister once say, speaking about moral issues, "is a creature possessed of a conscience; the tiger is not kept awake at night by any feelings of remorse for his cruelty"; but it never seemed to have occurred to the preacher, simple man, that in the very particular in which the tiger is cruel, the average moral and rational man, while equally cruel in intent and infinitely more so in extent, is even in this 20th Century, the master of callousness, not one whit better than the un-moral and irrational denizen of the jungle.

In the last issue of the *Overseas Magazine*, the editor, mentioning that England is introducing this autumn a Bill to make humane slaughter compulsory, pleads with all those who love mercy to do what they can in their respective localities to help forward this great and ages-overdue most urgent reform.

I commend the matter to the earnest consideration of our local S.P.C.A.—during the supper hour their forthcoming Carnival—Yours, etc.,

HUMANITY.

**BIG OIL VENTURE
FLOATED.****AMERICAN CONCESSION IN
COLOMBIA.****MAMMOTH SCHEME.**

New York, Mar. 4.

A message from Bogota states that an agreement allowing the Colombian Petroleum Company (which is composed of United States interests) the right to exploit millions of acres in the Barro oilfield has been signed by the Colombian Minister of Industry.

Barro is believed to be one of the world's greatest oilfields, and it is expected that Colombia will now enter the front rank of the world's oil producers.

The contract, which provides that the Colombian Company shall operate the field for the next fifty years, ends five years of litigation, in which frequent interchanges of Notes between Washington and Colombia took place.

Three-quarters of the Colombian Petroleum Company's stock is owned by the Gulf Oil Company and the remainder by the Carbide-Synthetic, which is reputed to be controlled by a New York banking house.

The development of the field will begin immediately, including the building of a \$25,000,000 pipeline to transport the oil to the north coast of Colombia on the Atlantic side. *Reuter's American Service.*

**THIS CARNIVAL
SHOW.**

[By "Dumb-Dumb."]]

I want to go
To this Carnival Show
On March Thirteen;
What's more, I mean
To go to it
In appropriate kit,
Since the S. P. C. A.
Exists, they say,
For the poor dumb creatures,
And try to attend
As Our Dumb Friend.

But as which of our dumb
Friends shall I come?

Reviewing the mammals,
I rule out camels,
For I can't be spry
If my throat is dry...
To go as a turkey
Would be more pecky.
And yet—this weather's
Too cold for feathers;
If feathers moult,
One can only bolt
Ere the worst occurs—
No—give me furs...
To go as a terrier
Would be morrier—
But think of the tail
And the ears! I fail
To solve the problem
Of how to wobble on...
To go as an elephant
Is a really fant-
astic notion...
What a commotion
If I sucked up
All the champagne cup
Through a ten-foot trunk!
But I might get drunk
On such hydraulics...
Better stick to Horlick's...

In the end I can see
I shall go as me.
Such a disguise
Might take a prize...
("As orange-outing he
Looked most distingue...")

One thing I know:
Come weal, come woe,
I mean to go to this carnival show

**MEN DO NOTICE
YOUR FEET!**

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the American business girl than is her actual suit. Naturally she realises she must wear a well-cut dress, but often it will be a year or two old and slightly worn. Yet her shoes, stockings, and gloves are comparatively new, and her smart little hat will always be this season's.

Neither English nor French girls of this type seem to realise how important are these details—surely there is no one who neglects her foot and leg wear like the supposedly chic midinette.

This is not so much because she earns more, since living expenses make up for any discrepancy. But chiefly because what little money she has to spend goes in buying a pretty frame for her face and the smartest of stockings, well-fitting gloves, and the plain, perfectly cut shoe which gives her foot and ankle its much-discussed fame.

While the English girl is going in for all sorts of woollies or searching for bargains in basement-frankly for a lighter coat—completely forgetting how worn her shoes are, or how often her few

**COURT CONTEMPT
DECISION.****\$100 FINE FOR ASSAULT
ON WITNESS.****REGRET EXPRESSED.**

Mr. Justice Lindsell refused to accept an apology for an admitted assault on a witness, after the latter had given evidence, and fined defendant \$100, when the case continued in the Summary Court this morning. His Lordship declined to consider the case of compensation, saying this issue was not before him.

In this action, Ng Cheuk-nam applied for a commitment on the grounds of contempt of Court against Wong Sing-tong. Contempt was alleged on the ground that after he had given evidence in a case, in which Wong was defendant, Wong struck him after leaving the Court room.

When the case was resumed this morning, Mr. H. J. Armstrong, for defendant, said he would now have to admit that the assault was committed. In the circumstances, he wished to convey to the Court defendant's very sincere apologies for the fracas which occurred within the precincts of the Court, and to explain that what he did was not done with any intention whatever of insulting the Court.

Defendant was, no doubt, somewhat annoyed at the evidence which complainant had given, and must have allowed his feelings to get the better of him. Such being the case, he would ask for the apology to be accepted, and no order for commitment to be made on payment of costs of the proceedings.

His Lordship: I take it you agree with the authorities quoted that these proceedings are rightly brought? I think so.

Saying that witnesses must be protected both when coming to and going from the Court, his Lordship said he was not prepared to accept defendant's apology. He was satisfied, however, that the contempt was not of such a serious nature as to justify detention for commitment. The order would be that defendant would pay a fine of \$100 and also the costs.

Mr. Horace Lo was for complainant.

PRINCE'S THEATRE**TO BE OPENED VERY
SHORTLY.**

The new theatre built by Sir Robert Ho Tung, to be known as Prince's Theatre, at the junction of Nathan Road and Prince Edward Road, Kowloon, which will be opened shortly, embodies many new and untried features. It is probably the largest theatre in the Colony, having seating accommodation for more than 2,000 persons, and an unusually large stage, 42 feet deep by 45 feet in width, with dressing rooms attached, thus providing for stage shows when required.

The building is built on thoroughly modern lines and is fire proof throughout, full protection against fire being provided by the latest appliances installed by the Jardine Engineering Corporation. A special feature is the fire proof curtain, the first of its kind in the Colony.

It is the intention to show a selection of the best sound pictures available on the R.C.A. Phonograph sound reproducing equipment, which is the first equipment of this kind to be installed in Hongkong.

Another special feature is an up-to-date restaurant and soda fountain in the building, which is under European management; also on the roof garden there will be tea tables where patrons can sit and enjoy the fresh evening breezes whilst awaiting the beginning of the performance.

The building was constructed by Tung Hiam Construction Company, the architects being Denison, Ram & Gibbs, and the electric lighting was installed by Wm. C. Jack & Co., Ltd.

It is announced that the opening of the theatre will take place about the middle of this month.

pairs of stockings have been mended—the American would be carefully remodelling an old black or navy frock so as to be able to have a new pair of shoes.

The same type of girl in Paris would, more than likely, be buying flashy imitation jewellery and some bright scarves, not to mention several cheap little hats.

In short, while the English girl has a bulky wardrobe with nothing to go with anything else, and the French girl has all her earnings invested round her neck, the same type of American girl is one smart well-known street colour in some inconspicuous dark colour with the best accessories to complete it.

**A FINE DANCING
DISPLAY.****MISS CAPELL'S PUPILS GIVE
STRIKING NUMBERS.****VERY BRIGHT SHOW.**

Whatever the critics may have to say about the standard of local ballroom dancing there is little room for complaint as far as the excellence of the classical and ballet phases of the terpsichorean art are concerned, as Miss Violet Capell's talented pupils clearly demonstrated yesterday, when, at the Theatre Royal, they joined in giving their ninth annual dancing display on behalf of the London Hospital.

The chief reason for the high standard of dancing exhibited by the pupils can probably be found in the fact that their movements, poses and characterisations are entirely free of the mechanical, thus allowing the expressions of the art to retain their real beauty.

The programme, in addition to several exceedingly well presented ensembles, included Pas Seul by Beryl Goldenberg, Mavis Glendinning, Bunty Dangleish and Peggy Stringer, all of whom delighted with their graceful and dainty dancing. Pearl and Peggy Ma gave a charming interpretation of the waltz, whilst a further Pas-de-deux, "Flirtation" was danced by Betty Richards and Charlotte Sanger, and was a satisfying demonstration of the talents of these two children.

Five of the senior pupils were seen in the first part of the programme in the ballroom dance, a difficult but extremely well executed theme with Ellen Ford taking a solo which gave full scope for her abilities.

The two outstanding ensembles were those closing the first half of the programme and the final number of the afternoon. The former was the Skater's Waltz, and apart from the splendid dancing of the whole of the pupils, was brilliantly staged.

The second was that of "Sunny Side Up," from the popular talking film, and this afforded the audience the opportunity of enjoying a solo by Miss Violet Capell. She was vociferously received, a tribute not only to her clever tap-dance, but to the excellence of the whole entertainment. She is to be complimented on the excellence of her training.

Miss Violet Capell desires to thank the undermentioned for their kind assistance:

Miss E. Rose, Mesdames C.B.L. Stringer, S. E. Green, G. H. Arnold, W. L. Ramsey, R. Sanger, and Messrs. F. P. Lenfesty, W. F. Carroll, G. W. Arnold, R. A. Carroll, H. Leung and K. H. Banger, together with the Anderson Music Co., Ltd., the A.D.C. for loan of scenery, and the programme selected by Madame Eunice.

The London Hospital is to benefit from the proceeds, and there will be a further display on Friday in the Theatre Royal.

Those Taking Part.

The full programme is appended: Ensemble, "Grace," B. Fisher, S. Bruce, J. Knight, P. Thompson, P. Lawson, N. Wiltchell, J. Felschow, D. Jackson, A. Ho, M. Robson-Bell, Pas Seul, "Dainty Miss," Beryl Goldenberg, Pas-de-deux, "Waltz," Pearl Ma and Peggy Ma, Ensemble, "Ballroom," P. Capell, M. Robson-Bell, H. Ho, M. Glendinning, and Ellen Ford.

Ensemble, "Fairies and Gnomes," Fairies, D. Barrett, K. Ashworth, M. Purves, H. Tracey, Y. Telfer, M. Cavillier, J. Barrett, M. Cavillier, B. Goldenberg, M. Lawrence, C. Cain, P. Ho, G. Hutton, B. Dangleish, P. Arnold, P. Mitchell, C. Ho, Gnomes, O. Womack, W. Ortlepp, M. Langston, A. Langston, J. Thompson, T. Thompson, J. Womack, B. Adams, J. Tracey, M. Moraes, H. Sanger, G. Lang, G. Knight, T. Lack, D. Ho, H. Lang, B. Purves.

Ensemble, "Good Advice," S. Bruce, A. Ho, N. Mitchell, D. Brown, P. Stringer, G. Lloyd-Jones, P. Baxter, P. Lawson, Soloist, Colleen Quin, Pas Seul, "Newsboy," Mavis Glendinning.

Ensemble, "Pirates," B. Purves, B. Adams, M. Langston, T. Lack, A. Langston, J. Thompson, J. Tracey, W. Ortlepp, G. Knight, L. Womack, Pirate Chief, Oliver Womack.

Ensemble, "Skater's Waltz," Girls, M. Robson-Bell, P. Stringer, G. Lloyd-Jones, E. Buchanan, B. Richards, M. Newton, M. Glendinning, A. Steel, J. Bird, N. Wiltchell, P. Baxter, P. Lawson, D. Parker-Rees, D. Jackson, P. Gittins, S. Ho, E. Ford, Boy, A. Ho, E. Ferguson, E. Miller, B. Fisher, M. Marty, G. Engel, E. Wiltchell, J. Court, E. Rose, J. Knight, B. Brown, S. Bruce, G. Sanger, J. Mitchell, P. Capell, K. Heard, M. Hall, Soloist, H. Ho.

Ensemble, "Schooldays," E. Miller, D. Marlowe, A. Hiroka, P. Lang, P. Ma, P. Thompson, E. Ferguson, H. Sanger, H. Lang, P. Ma, M. Cavillier, M. Ferguson, M. Shand, D. Ho, Pas-de-deux, "Grandmamma's Dances," Bunty Dangleish, Ensemble, "Orange Blossom Time," E. Ford, J. Bird, P. Capell, E. Rose, S. Ho, P. Gittins, A. Steel, H. Ho, M. Glendinning, M. Newton, "Flirtation," Betty Richards and Charlotte Sanger, Trio, "Folly," G. Lloyd-Jones, D. Brown, P. Baxter.

**SHOP EMPLOYEE
CHARGED.****ALLEGED THEFT OF MONEY
AND JEWELLERY.****A SAFE RIFLED.**

Charges in respect of the theft of \$360 and a quantity of jewellery were brought before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning against an employee of a shop at Wossing Street, the property being that of his master.

It was explained by Detective Sergeant Fitches that enquiries, which were made on the discovery of the loss of the money and jewellery from a locked safe, threw suspicion on the defendant. Subsequent investigations revealed that a duplicate key had been used to open the safe, and on a search being made of the premises, the key was found in the kitchen, of which part of the premises the defendant had control. Another key, which had been partly filed, and which all but fitted the lock of the safe, was found among the defendant's bedding.

Evidence would be called to show that the defendant had been seen filing the duplicate key, while a locksmith would tell the Court that he sold the partly-filed key to the defendant.

Part of the jewellery was found under an ice chest, in the shop, while evidence would be given that the defendant had visited several gambling houses with large sums of money, whereas his salary was only about \$8 per month. Further, a \$100 note was found sewn into the lining of the top of a pair of trousers belonging to the accused, who explained that he had won the money gambling last year, but three men whom the defendant mentioned had lost about \$10 to him denied that he had ever won as much as \$80, as claimed by the defendant.

After hearing the evidence of the complainant, the case was adjourned for one week.

**SECRET OUT AFTER
30 YEARS.****DEFICIT IN HOUSE OF
LORDS FUND.**

The discovery of a substantial deficiency in the Security Fund of the House of Lords, "apparently due to misappropriations by an officer or officers long since dead," is revealed by the Comptroller and Auditor-General.

In his report on the Civil Appropriation Accounts for the year ended March 31 last, he states that as from April 1 next he will undertake the audit of the Fund as the result of the discovery of these misappropriations, "which cover a period of approximately 20 years prior to Dec. 31, 1902."

Losses to the Inland Revenue by fraud, default and accident during the year totalled £30,451, states the Comptroller in his report on the appropriation accounts of the Revenue Department. This compared with £5,002 in 1928 and £12,804 in 1927.

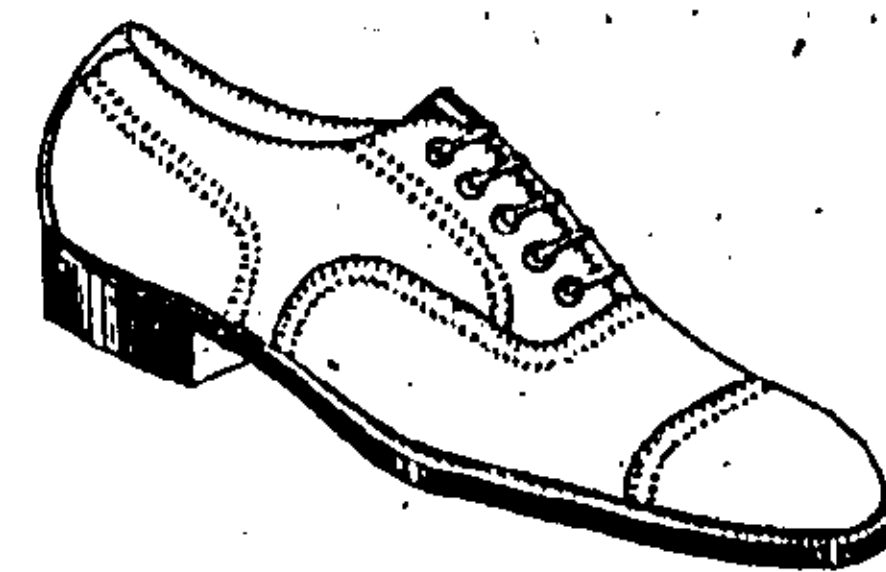
The percentage of discharges arrears was found to be much above the average in the division responsible for assessments on musicians and theatrical and music hall artists—particularly as regards foreigners visiting this country professionally. Steps are being taken to prevent this loss of revenue.

Ensemble, "Clowns," B. Purves, T. Lack, O. Womack, M. Langston, L. Womack, B. Adams, W. Ortlepp, G. Knight, M. Shand, J. Tracey, J. Thompson, E. Ferguson, D. Barrett, M. Ferguson, A. Langston, P. Butcher, L. Ramage, Pas Seul, "Un Petit Moreau de Ballet," Peggy Stringer.

Ensemble, "Sunny Side Up"

Babies—T. Thompson, W. Ortlepp, M. Purves, G. Ho, E. Gregory, C. Quin, J. Barrett, P. Butcher, J. Tracey, E. de Rome, B. Purves, M. Langston, A. Langston, B. Hamilton, H. Hills, J. Thompson, G. Hutton, H. Monie, M. Moraes, H. Hayes, R. Ramage, O. Womack, G. Knight, S. Hills, P. Oliver, B. Pinguet, H. Lauder, L. Womack, M. Cavillier, B. Adams, R. Gregory, D. Strafford, B. Piercey, E. Buyers, P. Shaw, M. Cooper, M. Lawrence, P. Ho, M. Walker, M. Sayer, D. Barrett, J. Strickell, M. Sayer, J. Gardiner, G. Cooper, K. Ashworth, B. Goldenberg, B. Dangleish, G. Hamilton, P. Mitchell, P. Arnold, Y. Telfer, A. Stokink, G. Langston, Juniors—P. Lang, D. Ho, M. Shand, A. Hiroka, E. Miller, T. Taylor, H. Lang, P. Ma, H. Sanger, D. Marlowe, M. Ferguson, J. Bradbury, P. Ma, M. Cavillier, P. Thompson, J. Folschow, J. Ropley, P. Jeffreys, D. Moss, P. Baxter, A. Ho, P. Lawson, J. Mitchell, E. Ferguson, G. Lloyd-Jones, P. Stringer, J. Knight, N. Wiltchell, B. Fisher, D. Jackson, C. Sanger, D. Parker-Rees, D. Brown, M. Robson-Bell, S. Bruce, E. Buchanan, M. Marty, B. Richards, A. Raworth.

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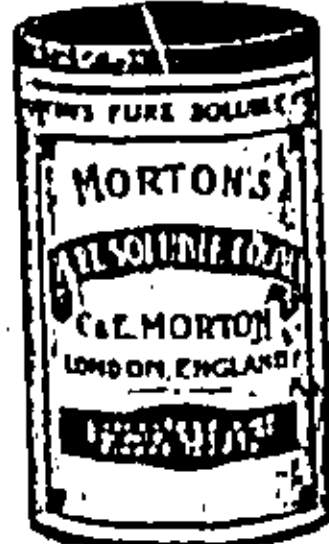
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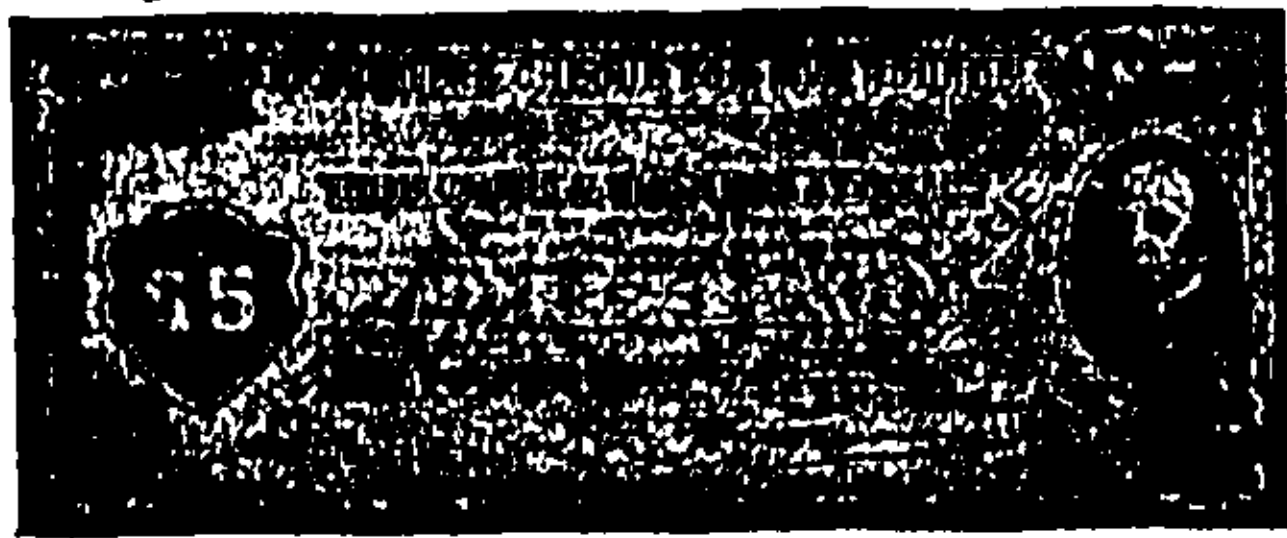


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CINEMA NOTES.

MARIE DRESSLER IN "LET US BE GAY."

"Well, it was the first time I ever acted and worked at the same time," was the quick reply made by Marie Dressler in answer to an inquiry as to how she liked her role in "Let Us Be Gay," Norma Shearer's new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer talkie now being shown at the Queen's Theatre.

Cast as an eccentric dowager, Miss Dressler enacts her part always seated in a luxurious armchair, never moving beyond an occasional violent gesture.

"It certainly was great not to have to fall downstairs, into swimming pools or be run over by a truck," said Dressler. "I guess I really got a break in this picture."

Those who have seen the comedienne in her latest characterization are agreed that it is even more outstanding than her portrayal of the old hag in "Anna Christie," or the Washington Square landlady in "Caught Short." That her ability is not confined to drab roles is well demonstrated in the part she plays in "Let Us Be Gay," in which she shows that she can wear beautiful gowns and put on the society air with the best of them and be hilariously funny at the same time.

The new Shearer vehicle is an all-talking adaptation of the well-known Rachel Crothers stage play which ran on Broadway for a long time with Frankie Lorraine in the starring role. In the supporting cast with Miss Dressler are Rod La Rocque, Hedda Hopper, Gilbert Emery, Sally Eiler, Tyrrell Davis and others.

The picture was directed by Robert Z. Leonard, who produced Miss Shearer's recent success, "The Divorcee."

Majestic Rainier Locale of Talkie.

Some of the most beautiful mountain country in the United States furnishes the background against which Fox Movietone unravels its stirring outdoor drama "Rough Romance," in which George O'Brien and Helen Chandler play leading roles. The film is the next attraction at the Queen's Theatre.

Intent upon securing absolute realism in what is heralded as the first all talking picture to depict the life of the north woods, Director A. F. Erickson transported his entire company from Hollywood to Rainier National Park in the Cascade Range back of Tacoma for the filming of exterior sequences which make up the greater part of the film.

The entire company, which included, in addition to O'Brien and Miss Chandler, such noted players as Antonio Moreno, Noel Francis, David Hartford, Harry Cording and Eddie Borden enjoyed their stay in the snow country despite the hard work involved.

The country dominated by stately Mount Rainier is internationally celebrated and "Rough Romance" further glorifies its rugged beauty.

"Why Bring That Up?"

Charles Mack, of Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crosses, the lazy voiced comedian who has never failed to produce laughs by merely remarking "well, what of it?" "Let him have it" and other commonplace utterances, becomes humorous by placing himself in the frame of mine of a boy from three to eight years of age.

"All of my questions and conclusions are exactly what might be said by a kid under eight years of age—not nine or ten, for after his eighth birthday a boy isn't funny," Mack has explained.

"When I say but what if another bird gets there ahead of him? every one laughs, yet few realize that this is a perfectly logical question from a child who can't get the idea clearly in his head."

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"King of Jazz."

New song hits are literally packed into "King of Jazz," the Universal musical extravaganza starring Paul Whiteman and his orchestra, which is now playing at the Central Theatre to capacity houses.

Besides the eight spectacular musical numbers of the picture, there are many specialties, in all of which grand new songs are featured. The entire picture is photographed in Technicolor.

Mabel Wayne, who wrote "Ramona" and "Spanish Town," two of the biggest song hits ever registered, has contributed largely to "King of Jazz." She wrote "It Happened in Monterey," a beautiful ballad which is sung in a supremely beautiful Mexican setting by John Boles and Jeanette Loff, and "My Ragamuffin Romeo," sung by Jeanie Lang and George Chiles, especially for the Universal production.

Milton Agor and Jack Yollen, whose "I wonder What Became of Sally" and other hits have made them one of the best known song writing teams in the country, wrote several numbers especially for the Whiteman picture. "A Bench in the Park," "I've Got Those Happy Feet," "The Song of the Dawn" and "I Want to do Things for You" are among them.

As played by the Whiteman orchestra in the picture, these songs provide the ultimate in popular music from beautiful ballads to catchy jazz.

REFEREES' MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held in the Hongkong Football Association Offices, French Bank Building (4th floor) at 5.30 p.m. to-day, Thursday. All referees and others interested are invited to be present.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$207½ b.
Chartered Bank \$16¾ n.
Mercantile A. and B., \$23½ n.
East Asia \$116 b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$1300 n.
Union Ins., \$642½ n.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.60 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Fires, \$535 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1805 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$27 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26.75 s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.

Mining.

Benguet, \$10¼ n.
Kailans, 30/3 n.
Shai Explorations, Tls. 2½ n.
Rauba 40¼ n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$173¼ s.
Whampoa Docks, \$30½ b.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.55 b. (old).
Hongkews, Tls. 274 b.
New Engineers, Tls. 5¼ b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton, Tls. 15.95 n.
Shai Cotton Tls. 107 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$12.70 b.
H. K. Land, \$84¼ b.
Shai Land Tls. 420 b.
Humphreys, \$16.85 n.
Realities, \$9.50 b.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.60 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13.95 b.
Star Ferries, \$88 b.
China Lights, (old) \$25 b.
H. K. Electric, \$80 b.
Telephones, \$42 b.
China Buses, Tls. 19 n.
Singapore Traction, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cts. n.
Malabons \$36 b.
Canton Ice, \$3.40 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$16.65 b.
Ropes, \$14.20 b.
Venz. Goldfields \$3.60 b.

Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.10 s.
Watson, \$13.40 n.
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Lane Crawfords, \$3.90 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
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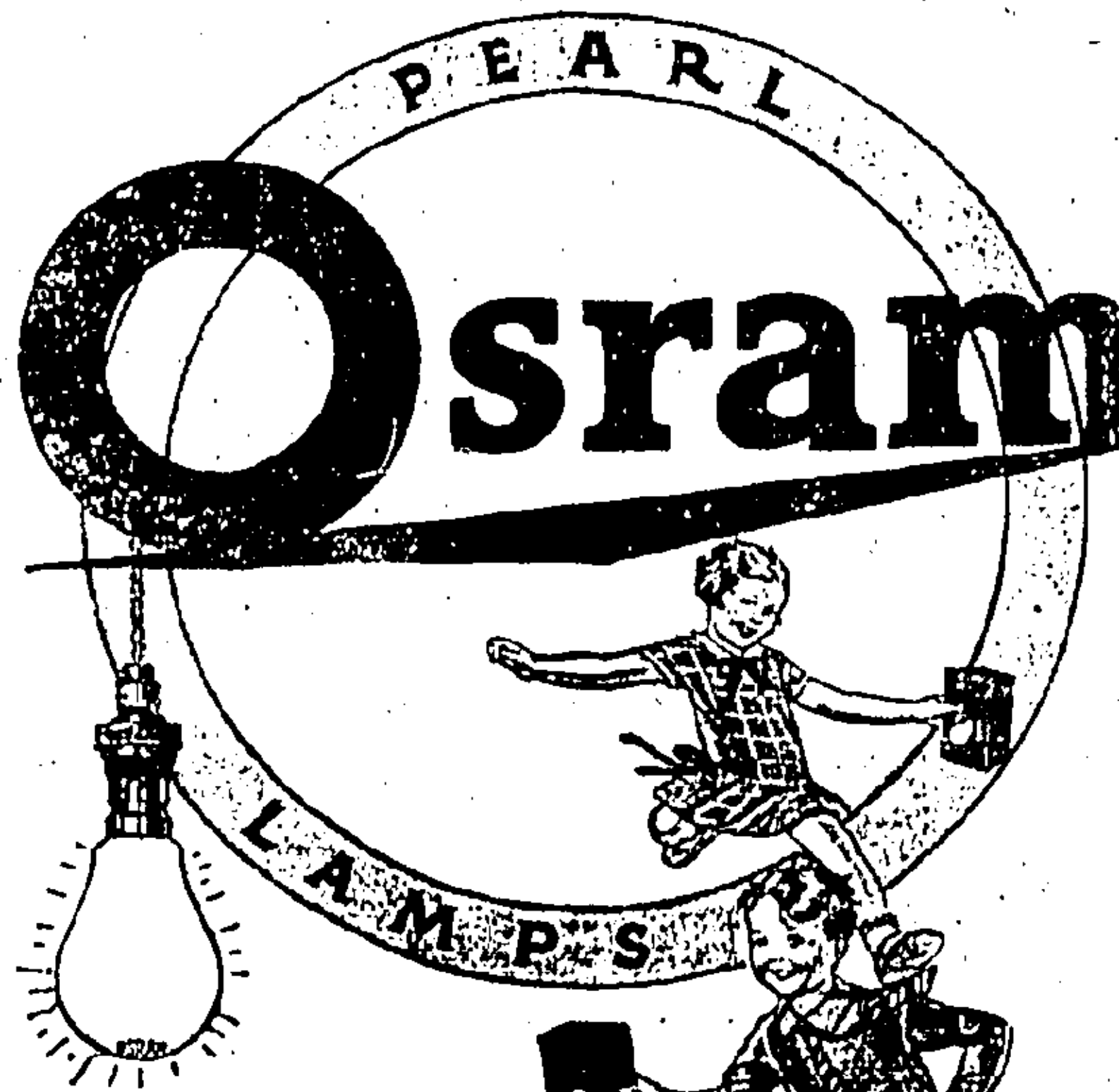
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	Previous Day.	Yesterday.
Paris	123.98½	124.00½
Geneva	25.23	25.23
Berlin	20.43½	20.43½
Oslo	18.16	18.16
Helsingfors	193	193
Buenos Aires	37½	37.5/16
Athens	37½	37½
Shanghai	1/24	1/24
New York	45.23/32	45.23/32
Amsterdam	12.11½	12.11½
Stockholm	18.13½	18.13½
Vienna	34.50½	34.50½
Madrid	45.65	45.65
Bucharest	817	817
Montevideo	35½	35½
Hongkong	107	107
Brussels	34.84	34.84½
Milan	92.72½	92.72½
Copenhagen	18.16½	18.16½
Prague	164	164
Lisbon	108.25	108.25
Rio	4.1/16	4.1/16
Bombay	1/5½	1/5½
Yokohama	2/0.13/32	2/0.13/32
Silver (spot)	12½	12½
(forward) 12½	12½	12½

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Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$25½ n.
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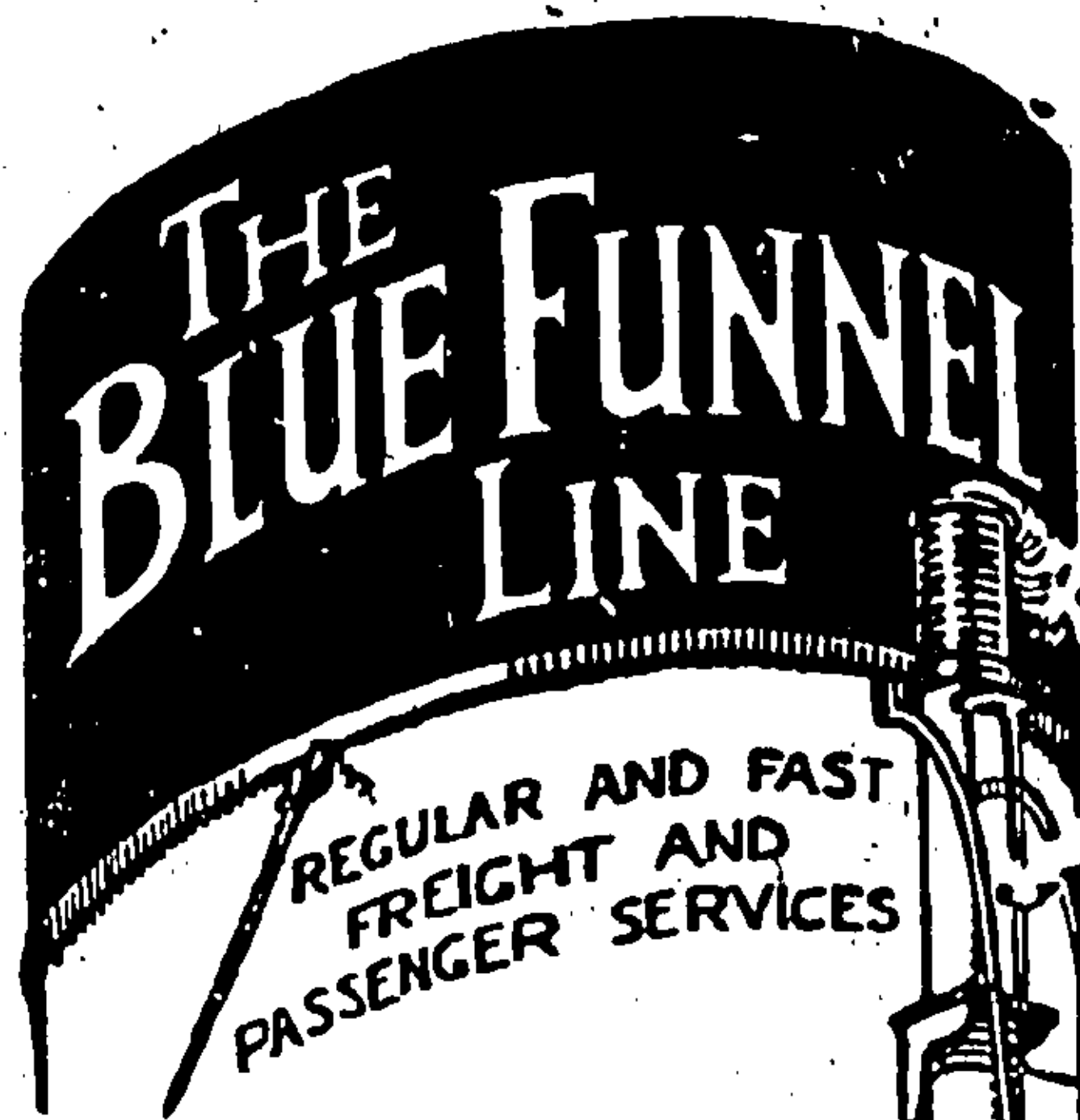
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HOLIDAY CRICKET.

VOLUNTEERS BEAT COMBINED LEAGUE YESTERDAY.

Having lost previously to Kowloon, but defeated the Army, the Hongkong Volunteers secured a second victory yesterday in a match with the Combined League, on the H.K.C.C. ground. They won by 7 runs.

Scoring was low, the Volunteers who batted first, being all out for 75. K. H. Batger (22) and F. Baker (21) were only batsmen to reach double figures. R. Lee had the best bowling figures, taking 4 wickets for 20 runs.

F. Baker was in good form with the bowling when the Combined League occupied the wicket, and was mainly instrumental in obtaining another cheap dismissal, for 68 runs. He took 4 wickets for 14, whilst Beck and Burnett both claimed easy victories.

W. C. Hung, undefeated with 10 runs, was top scorer for the League. Scores:

H.K. Volunteers.

J. E. Richardson, c Ismail, b Williams	5
N. A. E. Mackay, c Lim, b R. Lee	1
K. H. Batger, c Ismail, b A. T. Lee	22
W. H. G. Gouter, c Lim, b Williams	2
H. Owen Hughes, c Lim, b R. Lee	2
A. C. Beck, c Williams, b Zimmerman	2
F. Baker, c Madar, b R. Lee	21
H. F. Green, run out, b R. Lee	7
A. Reid, c Zimmerman, b R. Lee	4
G. C. Burnett, not out	3
Extras	3
Total	75

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Williams	5	23	2	2
R. Lee	10	4	20	4
A. T. Lee	8	1	23	1
Zimmerman	3	1	6	1
Anderson	1	1	6	1

Combined League.

H. P. Lim, c Beck, b Burnett	2
D. J. N. Anderson, c Owen Hughes, b Burnett	0
A. H. Madar, c Owen Hughes, b Reid	10
E. F. Fincher, b Beck	11
F. J. Zimmerman, c Burnett, b Baker	2
A. T. Lee, c Mackay, b Beck	9
Sig. Williams, c Reid, b Baker	1
S. A. Ismail, c Mackay, b Baker	16
W. C. Hung, not out	0
R. Lee, lbw, Baker	0
Extras	8
Total	68

Bowling Analysis.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
G. C. Burnett	2	1	6	2
A. Reid	3	1	19	1
A. C. Beck	8	1	20	2
F. Baker	4	5	14	4

University Team for Saturday.

The following have been selected to represent the University 1st XI, in a League Match against the Club on Saturday, on the Home Ground, at 2 p.m., sharp:

D. J. N. Anderson (Capt.), A. Baker, L. T. Reid, F. A. Redmond, D. K. Samy, A. B. Sullivan, A. M. Rodriguez, A. T. Nannubhai, A. Chin Fook, G. E. Yeoh, A. S. A. Kyum.

GOLD BARS DISPUTE.

BIG MEETING PLANNED AT THE EXCHANGE.

Seventy-three native banks in Hongkong have presented a recommendation to the Directors of the Chinese Gold and Silver Exchange, suggesting the calling of a big conference of all native banks on the 20th instant, to settle as early as possible the dispute over the suspension of gold speculations and quotations. The suspension was caused by some of the banks refusing to meet their commitments when exchange went against them.

WEDDING OF MISS ROBERTA SEMPLE.

SINGAPORE CEREMONY YESTERDAY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Singapore, Mar. 4.

Mr. William Bradley Smyth, aged 23, a pursor on the liner President Wilson, who is a native of California, and who was detailed at the embarkation of Mrs. Aimee McPherson at San Francisco to look after the noted evangelist, owing to her illness, was married to the beautiful Miss Roberta Semple, her daughter, aged 20, in Singapore to-day.

Countess Thyra Holmblad, of Copenhagen, one of the passengers, was matron of honour.

The bridegroom declares it is a real love match.

The radiant "Aimee" told me she had always planned a beautiful home wedding, to be attended by 50,000 people from far and wide; however, her daughter had fallen in love, and "my idea of love is that I am a local train and the honeymoon express must go through."

The honeymoon will be spent at Capri, in Italy. The bridegroom will probably enter "Aimee's" church.

This is the ship's third marriage since its arrival on Monday. [Mrs. Aimee McPherson and her daughter, it will be recalled, while in Hongkong recently, laid wreaths on the grave of "Aimee's" first husband, the late Mr. Robert Semple, a missionary who was buried in 1910 at Happy Valley.]

TREVESA TROPHY.

RACE TO BE SAILED ON MARCH 24.

It is announced that the 15th biennial race for ships' life-boats will be sailed on Tuesday, March 24, starting at 4 p.m.

Boats are to be at the starting line at 3.30 p.m. to receive their number flag (which must be handed in at the end of the race) and to place themselves under the orders of the starter, who will line them up.

Course.—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Mark Bont off East Rock Beacon (P), finish at Yacht Club across line West to East and leaving mark boat to port.

It will be noted that any merchant ship in port on the date of the race, belonging to owners having offices in Hongkong, may enter any number of boats (with Asiatic crews) provided the regulations are complied with.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, by noon on March 23. Post entries will, however, be received.

DAYS OF PERIL.

NEARLY AS GREAT AS IN 1914, SAYS BISHOP.

Referring to national problems, the Bishop of Sheffield (Dr. Burrows), speaking at Sheffield said it was surely no exaggeration to say that we were standing now in a position nearly as perilous as when, on August 4, 1914, war was declared.

Birth control, the Bishop said, was more a matter of health than of conscience. Let everyone do according as he was disposed in his heart. God was the judge; that seemed to him to be scriptural and reasonable.

RADIO BROADCAST

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

The features of to-day's local radio broadcast, from Z. B. W. on a wavelength of 365 metres, are relays of the Helena May concert at 5.30 p.m. and the boxing match between Ewin and Crichton at 10.15 p.m. from the City Hall. The full programme follows:—

5.00-7.45 p.m. European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

5.00-5.30 p.m. Variety.

Orchestral-Dusky Stevedore.

Thelma Terry and Her Play Boys. 5164.

Monologue-The Parson In Defence of Parsonage. 5164.

Vocal Duet-Lucky Girl-Crazy Rhythm. 4116.

Vocal Duet-Forerunner.

Layton and Johnstone. 5146.

Song-That's A Good Girl-Chirp, Chirp.

Elsie Randolph with Debroy Somers' Band. 4962.

Chorus-Poor Old Joe (Foster and Fletcher).

Chorus-Hearts Of Oak (Boyce).

Holme Valley Male Voice Choir. 4500.

6.30-6.50 p.m. (Approx.).

Relay of the Concert of Instrumental Music from The Helena May Institute.

6.30 p.m. approx. 7.02 p.m.—European children's programme.

7.02 p.m. Stock Quotations.

7.04-7.45 p.m. Orchestral and Band Music.

Band-The Lark's Festival (Brower).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9243.

Orchestral-The Gipsy Baron (J. Strauss).

Johann Strauss and Symphony Orchestra. 9396.

Band-The Voice Of The Guns (Alford).

The Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 3841.

Orchestral-The Clock Is Ticking (Blaney).

Jenn Lenson and His Orchestra. 4741.

Band-Marche Indienne (Sellenick).

Band-Le Bombardier (Pares).

The Band of The Garde Republicaine of France. 6724.

Orchestral-Paysage (Raynolds).

John Lenson and His Orchestra. 4011.

Band-By The Blue Hawaiian Waters. Tone Picture (Ketchley).

Band-Jungle Drums (Ketchley).

The Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards. 9411.

7.45-10.15 p.m. Chinese Studio Concert.

10.15 p.m. Boxing Match relayed from the City Hall, the principal event being Harry Ewin of H.M.S. Kent v. Jack Crichton of Shanghai.

12.00 p.m. (Approx.). Close Down.

NO TEA RESTRICTION.

PROJECT FOR NEXT YEAR ABANDONED.

London, Mar. 4.

It is announced that the scheme to restrict the tea crop in India, Java and Java in 1931 has been abandoned, owing to failure to obtain the requisite 75 per cent. majority.

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SUDDEN DEATH OF EARL RUSSELL.

AN UNCONVENTIONAL PEER AGNOSTIC.

SOME EARLY MATRIMONIAL COMPLICATIONS.

COLLAPSE AT HOTEL.

London, Mar. 4.
A shock has been caused in political circles by the sudden death at Marseilles of Earl Russell, the noted Socialist Peer, Under-Secretary in the Ministry of Transport in the Labour Government.

Earl Russell was returning to England from the Riviera where he had been recuperating from an attack of influenza. He collapsed yesterday afternoon in his hotel at Marseilles, and died soon afterwards from heart failure.

His brother, the Hon. Bertrand Russell, who is equally famous as a Socialist and a pacifist, left immediately for Marseilles. The Hon. Bertrand Russell is the heir to the title.

At War With the Orthodox.

Earl Russell was a man of many accomplishments being an electrical engineer of note as well as a barrister. He was 66 years of age, and succeeded to the Earldom 52 years ago on the death of his grandfather, the first Earl, the famous Liberal statesman who as Lord John Russell introduced the Reform Bill of 1832.

Earl Russell proved to be one of the most unconventional of peers. His ability promised a brilliant career, but even in boyhood he showed signs of a temperament which set him at perpetual warfare with the orthodox. When at Winchester, he one day horrified the masters by walking out of chapel because the Athanasian Creed was being recited!

Becomes Socialist.

He ran a business at Maidenhead after leaving Oxford, until 1895 when he was elected to the L. C. C. and began to take politics as a serious study. He distinguished himself by the independent lines he took on social questions and it came as no surprise when he joined the Fabian Society and came out openly as a Socialist.

It is probable, however, that Earl Russell will be chiefly remembered for his matrimonial complications. In 1901 he was the defendant in a famous trial by the House of Lords. In 1890 he married a daughter of Sir Claude Scott. The marriage was unhappy, the wife making certain charges against him. These he denied, and as she repeated them, he held he was entitled to a divorce on the legal ground of "cruelty."

Tried for Bigamy.

He got a divorce in the American Courts and in 1901 married Mrs. Somerville. He was accused of bigamy on returning to England and claiming the privilege of a peer was tried by the House of Lords. The result was a sentence of six months' imprisonment, but a pardon quickly followed.

Both marriages were later dissolved and in 1916 he married the Countess von Arnim, formerly Miss Elizabeth Beauchamp, the author of "Elizabeth and her German Garden," and many other charming books.

Earl Russell was an agnostic and the author of a volume of "Lay Sermons." He also published "Divorce" in which he demanded equality for the sexes in matrimonial causes and the dissolution of marriages by consent.

The New Earl.

The new Earl Russell is seven years his brother's junior. His mother and father died when he was three years of age and it was found that his father wished him to be brought up as an agnostic. To avoid this, he was made a ward of Court and placed in the care of his grandmother.

At Trinity College, Cambridge, he obtained firsts in mathematics and natural sciences and was elected a Fellow. He was a master of the French and German languages and served in the diplomatic service for some time, leaving to take up the study of philosophy in Germany. In 1896, he published a work on "German Social Democracy," which he followed up by an "Essay on the Foundations of Geometry," while later came "Principles of Mathematics," his most important book.

Out-and-out Pacifist.

After the outbreak of the war, he took an active part in the "No Conscription Fellowship" and was fined £100 for writing a leaflet on conscientious objection. In 1918, he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for an article he contributed to the *Tribune*. He

DEATH OF MR. J. M. V. RIBEIRO.

WON A SWEEP PRIZE ONLY YESTERDAY.

PERITONITIS VICTIM.

It is with regret that we have to record the death, at a comparatively early age, of Mr. J. M. V. Ribeiro, a well-known member of the Portuguese community, who passed away at the French Hospital this morning from peritonitis.

The late Mr. Ribeiro was only 35 years of age and was a prominent member of the Craigen-gower Cricket Club. He always took a keen interest in its welfare, particularly in its social activities, and was very popular among the members. He was one of the club's outstanding billiards players and represented the Portuguese community in the Interport billiards matches with the Shanghai Portuguese.

The deceased gentleman was formerly employed by Messrs. Alex. Ross but at the time of his death was with Messrs. Lim You, building contractors.

Much sympathy will be extended to the widow and his baby child in their bereavement.

A particularly sad feature of the tragedy is that he had, only yesterday, won a prize in one of the local sweeps.

The funeral takes place this afternoon, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30 p.m.

EXPENSE QUESTION AISED.

NEW POINT CROPS UP IN EXTRADITION CASE.

The question of expense entered into the extradition proceedings resumed before Mr. Schofield, at the Central Police Court to-day, against Jung Shee, a married Chinese woman whose surrender is sought by the United States authorities on a charge of embezzlement of \$25,000.

The Public Prosecutor (Mr. Somerset Fitzroy) stated the formality that would have to be followed with the despatch of papers between the State of California and the Federal authorities at Washington, and the inevitable delay intervening before these reached Hongkong. He estimated that the formal requisition superseding the request of the United States consular representative would not be here for two months. Meanwhile, the question as to which Government should bear the expense of the lady's passage back to the United States was receiving attention and was forming the subject of correspondence between the United States consular representative and his Government.

For the accused, Mr. Loseby submitted that the logical liability in this respect fell on the United States Government, they being the applicants in the extradition proceedings. He further contended that a time-limit should be set on the period of waiting for the papers.

After further discussion, His Worship decided on a forty-eight hours' formal adjournment pending a reply to the United States Consul's cablegram regard the expense of the accused's passage.

On a previous appearance before the Court, the accused had said she was willing to waive extradition proceedings and return to America of her own accord.

SUGAR MARKET.

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wrote his "Introduction to Mathematical Philosophy" whilst in goal. Lectures in China. Later, he lectured in various countries, including China, where he delivered a course at Peking University.

He married Miss Alva Pearsall Smith of Philadelphia, who divorced him. His second wife is a daughter of Sir Frederick Black. His wife is also well-known for her sympathy with the aims of the Labour Party and her unconventional views on sex questions.—*Reuter and I. B. S.*

POLITICAL VALUE OF NAVAL PACT.

STATEMENT IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

REPORT ON SITUATION BY MR. HENDERSON.

PERSONAL CONTACTS.

London, Mar. 4.

The success of the British naval mission in Paris and Rome was reported to the House of Commons by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Foreign Secretary, in answer to questions from the Conservative benches.

Mr. Henderson announced that an agreement had been reached which was, of course, subject to the concurrence of the other signatories to the London Naval Treaty.

Whatever limitation, he said, had been imposed upon the construction of new warships, the outstanding feature of the agreement was the political achievement.

Hopes For Future.

The agreement prevents a renewal of competition in naval armaments. Moreover, a breakdown would have vitiated the atmosphere in which the World Disarmament Conference would meet in February, 1932.

He hoped now that all would meet at Geneva with better prospects of ultimate success all along the line. In any case, the agreement would do much to increase the feelings of friendship and co-operation not only among the countries immediately concerned in the accord, but among all the signatories to the London Naval Treaty.

Terms Next Week.

Mr. Henderson said it would clearly be discourteous to give information regarding the terms of the settlement until the signatories to the Treaty, including the British Dominions, had had time to consider them.

He hoped that Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, would be able to give the details during the debate on the Navy Estimates next week.

As regards the history of the negotiations, he said that after negotiations had been proceeding for some time between French, Italian and British naval experts, and in view of the possibility of further increases in French and Italian naval armaments unless an agreement was reached soon, the Prime Minister, Mr. Alexander and he himself were convinced that success could only be achieved by personal contact of the leading Ministers of the three countries.

Friendly Reception.

As a result of that decision, he left London with Mr. Alexander at short notice on February 23, and met with a very friendly reception in Paris and Rome. It was manifest in both capitals that only a keen desire for an agreement enabled them to overcome the serious difficulties which for so long prevented an agreement.

The result was that a solution had been found for the problems left outstanding by London Naval Treaty.

British Policy.

Mr. A. V. Alexander, replying later to another question, said that the Government's naval policy was based on the hope of such an agreement as had been reached between France and Italy.

Great Britain's replacement programme, which was well within the limits of the London Naval Treaty, would in no way prejudice or restrict the cause of disarmament at the forthcoming World Conference.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

America Satisfied.

Washington, Mar. 4.

President Hoover has formally issued a statement describing the naval settlement as "a matter of congratulation for the whole world."

Subsequently, Mr. H. L. Stimson, Secretary of State, indicated that the settlement was satisfactory to the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

DRIZZLE AND MIST.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has passed into the Pacific. The anticyclone is central over the Yellow Sea. Fresh monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and moderate monsoon over the North China Sea. Local forecast:—East winds, moderate, overcast; drizzle and mist.

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